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Ware Elementary spends week teaching children about dangers of drugs

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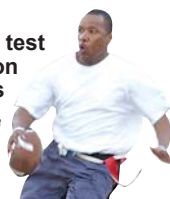


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Play continues in flag football league

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## Around The Army

### Wurzburg:

The European Stars and Stripes reported Nov. 2 that operations at Würzburg Army Community Hospital are being temporarily scaled back because some of the facility's nursing staff is deployed to Louisiana and Pakistan.

Inpatient services will not be available until further notice, and surgical services will be available on a limited basis, according to hospital officials.

With about 40 key nursing personnel deployed, the hospital cannot do surgeries that require overnight stays, said hospital spokeswoman Amy Stover.

Until inpatient and surgical services are available again, the hospital emergency room has been reclassified as an "urgent care center," and emergency cases will be diverted to local German hospitals.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit [www.europe.army.mil](http://www.europe.army.mil) on the Web.

### Fort Knox:

The Turret reported Oct. 27 that the sports and fitness program of Fort Knox's Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation has been named the best among the Army's large installations.

The program includes intramural sports, aquatics, recreation, fitness and other activities.

Also honored were the Recreation Delivery program, the Performing Arts Safari event held this past summer, and Tim Hudson, who was recognized for his work as program manager.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit [www.thewarrior.com](http://www.thewarrior.com) on the Web.

### Fort Sill:

The Cannoneer reported Oct. 27 that about one in six vehicles checked were found to be unsecured during a special check of vehicles on post. More than 2,000 vehicles were checked in various parking lots and flyers put on vehicles found unsecured.

Inspectors checking the vehicles often found items such as wallets, purses, cell phones, money, tools, personal records and mail, CDs, house keys, laptop computers, weapons cards and military and civilian identification cards.

For more on this story and other Fort Sill, Okla., news, visit [www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm](http://www.lawton-constitution.com/cball/cannoneer.htm) on the Web.

### Fort Jackson:

The Leader reported Oct. 27 that the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Training Regiment, will be redesignated 1st Battalion, 15th Training Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Training Regiment, will be reflagged the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Training Regiment.

The designation and redesignation of 1st Bn., 28th Inf., "Black Lions" will move to the 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Riley.

For more on this story and other Fort Jackson, S.C., news, visit [www.fortjackson-leader.com](http://www.fortjackson-leader.com) on the Web.

# Picerne to build 400 new homes

## Residential initiative plan adds, enlarges, spaces out on-post housing

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Picerne Military Housing plans to build 400 new family homes on Fort Riley. The company that will assume management of family housing in July 2006 based its

decision on information provided in a recent housing market analysis of the post and surrounding communities.

On-post housing needs to increase, according to the analysis prepared for the Army by Robert Neihaus and Associates. The analysis looks five years into the

future and takes into account current on-post housing and planned residential construction in surrounding communities.

Post officials estimate about 9,000 new housing units will be needed to accommodate families of the new 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, organizing at

Fort Riley now and of three other brigades and the 1st Inf. Div. headquarters that will form on post or move to Fort Riley in the next two to three years.

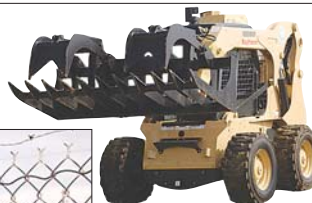
Residential developers have responded to news of Fort Riley's doubling in population size and the need for thousands of new

family residences by planning and beginning projects in cities within a 50-mile radius of the post.

Developers in Junction City and Geary County have gained approval for 2,696 new homes, including apartments, town hous-

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# War machine



Sgt. Willie Aldridge of Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., drives the first EODBOT with a personal data assistant device. The Engineers learned how to operate the EODBOT before heading to Iraq.



Post/Blackson  
Spc. James Murphy of Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., drives the EODBOT using a computer and joysticks from inside a "Humvee" while Sgt. Dustin Kelly of Co. A looks on.

## Engineers learn to complete mission remotely

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

Fort Riley Soldiers recently took the opportunity to train with a common construction vehicle modified to meet the Army's needs.

Soldiers of the 1st Engineer Battalion learned how to operate the first Explosive Ordnance Disposal Robot, or EODBOT. The EODBOT is, essentially, a

remotely controlled Bobcat.

A Bobcat is a mini front loader used for construction. Unlike the commercial Bobcats, the EODBOT has no driver. It uses two cameras and a computer. Two joysticks hooked up to the computer resemble those in the Bobcat. The cameras mounted on the vehicle allow operators to see what they're doing.

"The EODBOT fills the gap in the battalion's capabilities between the

largest and smallest UXO (unexploded ordnance) detection and neutralization equipment available. On the top end of the spectrum, there is the Meerkat and Buffalo. However, these are manned systems. Although extremely successful, these systems still expose our Soldiers," said Maj. Jose Aguilar, the battalion's operations officer.

"On the smallest end are the Packbots and Matilda robots that provide us with

great detection capabilities, but without the ability to remove debris and conduct heavy mechanical tasks," he said.

With its unmanned capabilities, the EODBOT can conduct risky missions such as mine clearing without jeopardizing Soldiers' lives. "It can save lives because you don't have to send Soldiers out there," said Sgt. Dustin Kelly of

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# Tankers 'mount up' for qualification

By Karl W. Johnson  
363rd MPAD

"We're the most versatile Soldiers in the Army," said Sgt. 1st Class Don H. Hickson, a tank crewman for 1st Battalion, 34th Armored Regiment. "We're

trained to do everyone's job."

Hickson said the old tankers motto, "death before dismount," no longer applies. Tank crews in the Army today receive training far beyond that of their predecessors.

In years past, "tankers weren't

really concerned with getting off their tanks," said Capt. Ethan J. Diven, the battalion's assistant operations officer. "A mission today may call for only two tanks and a bunch of infantry. You have to integrate that requirement."

The battalion went to the Joint

Readiness Training Center at Ft. Polk, La., this year specifically to sharpen the combat skills of its Soldiers while they were dismounted from their tanks, Diven said.

"You have to be able to go from combat to support opera-

tions and back to combat," said Maj. Matthew P. Moore, battalion operations officer.

Even with the added responsibility and extra training, the battalion's tank crews must qualify

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## Uniform sales set for early '06

By Annette M. Fournier  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army officials are warning Soldiers against buying imitation Army Combat Uniforms in lieu of waiting for Army-approved ACUs to arrive in

stores. AAFES military clothing sales stores are scheduled to get ACUs in April, but a spokesman said they might appear sooner.

"The Army has advised AAFES to expect to start seeing ACUs in January," said Judd

Anstey, media branch manager with AAFES. "Details are still being worked out at this time."

Some Soldiers, anxious to get the new uniforms, have bought imitation ACUs from unautho-

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Spc. Ronald Turner wears the Army's Combat Uniform while serving in Afghanistan Oct. 21. Deploying Soldiers are the first to be issued ACUs. ANS/Pryor





Cameras mounted on the EODBOT enable Spc. James Murphy of Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., to see where he's driving the vehicle while sitting inside a "Humvee."

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Company A, 1st Eng. Bn.

The EODBOT can be operated with a computer, a game pad or even a personal data assistant, or PDA. A wireless link connects the device with the controller. A fiber-optic link connects the video camera to the computer.

Raytheon spent six months developing the technology to wirelessly control a commercial Bobcat. Rather than develop something completely new, the company chose to modify a conventional construction vehicle into a high-performance unmanned vehicle, saving time and money.

"The request came from troops in the field," said Joe Fraundorfer, program manager for Raytheon. Raytheon's rapid equipping force created a kit to attach to the Bob-

cat. Powered off a "Humvee," the kit has three basic pieces: a kit on the machine, a data link on the other side and a user station for Soldiers to drive from.

Even with a user-friendly design, the EODBOT requires training and practice. Engineers at Fort Riley spent two weeks training on the EODBOT. The first week, the Soldiers sat in the Bobcat and drove it around, practicing picking up things and learning how the vehicle works. The second week, they operated the EODBOT remotely.

Once the battalion deploys to Iraq, the EODBOT will allow Engineers "to approach UXOs or things that we are suspicious of and clearly identify what they are," said Lt. Col. David Theisen, 1st Eng. Bn. commander.



The EODBOT can be driven and controlled wirelessly with a common personal data assistant.

## Tankers

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with their tanks every six months.

In late October, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, sent its crews to Fort Riley's Staff Sgt. David Q. Douthit Multi-Purpose Range Complex to qualify on Table VIII.

"Table VIII is the qualification course for all tankers," Diven said. "It includes six day engagements and four night engagements."

"This is why we became

tankers: to shoot big bullets,"

Diven joked with his crews.

As the battalion tank crews qualified on Fort Riley's range, the Soldiers also prepared for their second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Our last deployment was from September 2003 to September 2004 in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq," Diven said. "Nearly 60 percent of our unit was on that

deployment."

"For the most part, during our last deployment, we were kicking in doors," said Sgt. William E. Calvin, a tank crewman in Company A. "You really have to be ready for whatever the mission calls for."

"Given the choice, I would rather stay in my tank; but if it's a tank or a 'Humvee,' we know the job," Calvin said.

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## Post news in brief

### Money found on post

A large amount of money was found on post and turned in to the Fort Riley Provost Marshal's Office in October. Anyone thinking the money belongs to them should contact the Fort Riley military police desk sergeant in Building 221 and describe the money lost.

### Single Soldiers group to meet

The next meeting for representatives of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be 3:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Internet Café.

For more information, call 239-8147.

### Plans made to close gate

The Trooper Drive access point will be closed to traffic Nov. 11-15. This is the gate nearest the commissary. Plans are to pass out flyers to drivers using the gate the week before closure.

To make up for the inconvenience, the Grant Avenue access point will be open for 24 hours a day while the Trooper Drive access is closed. Drivers without Department of Defense vehicle registration stickers will be able to obtain day passes at the Grant Avenue access point while the Trooper Drive access is closed.

### Special Forces briefing set

Soldiers interested in joining the Army's Special Forces will be provided pertinent information during briefings at noon and 5 p.m. Nov. 7 and 8 at the Post Retention Office, Building 7852 on Custer Hill. Eligible enlisted Soldiers include those in grades E-4 through #6 with a General Technical aptitude score of 100 or higher. The Soldier must have a security clearance of be eligible for one and must have scored a 229 on the Army Physical Fitness Test at the 17-21 age standard.

Eligible officers include those first lieutenants and captains in year group 04. The officer must take a Defense Language Aptitude Battery test and score 85 or higher and must meet the same APFT standards as enlisted Soldiers.

Special Forces beginning class dates for fiscal year 2006 are Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 21 and April 25.

For more information, call (719) 524-1461 or (877) 840-8502 or send e-mail to kristopher.ball@usarec.army.mil.

### Army offers \$1,000 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone providing information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of a JLG Model 2032E2 Personnel Lifter, serial number 0200076614.

The lifter was stolen between 4:30 p.m. Oct. 7, 2005, and 8 a.m. Oct. 10, 2005, from Estes Road on Fort Riley.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call Special Agent Emey E. Brantley at the Fort Riley CID office, 239-3304, or the military police at 239-6767.

### Contraception visits offered

Irwin Army Community Hospital will schedule contraception appointments every Wednesday in November. While phone assistance may be enough answer a patient's concerns without a face to face visit, those requiring an appointment should call 239-DOCS (3627).



Post/Skidmore

### 'Crushed' by happiness

Chief Warrant Officer Gregg Waterman is greeted by his family Oct. 29 when he and his unit, the 266th Transportation Detachment, returned to Fort Riley after having been deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Greeting Waterman was his wife, Tammy, and sons, Tim and Cody.

## Uniforms

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### Authorized producers

The 16 companies awarded the contracts to produce ACUs are:

- American Apparel
- DJ Manufacturing Corp.
- Propper
- Golden
- Woolrich
- Bethel Industries, Inc.
- Bremen Bowden
- Rutter Rex
- Fox Apparel
- Sidran, Inc.
- American Power Source, Inc.

- Ashland Sales and Service
- Caribbean Needle Point, Inc.
- Wear-tech, Inc.
- Tullahoma
- AC Fabricated Products

For more information, see the PEO Soldiers Web site: [www.peosoldier.army.mil/pm/equipment](http://www.peosoldier.army.mil/pm/equipment).

Some uniforms being made offshore do not contain the Identification of Friend or Foe tag, a tag that allows Soldiers to identify friendly forces at night. Buying a uniform without the tag could put a Soldier in danger, Panichelle said.

Other uniforms may contain fabric that is not in compliance with Army specs for the ACU camouflage pattern, Panichelle said, and could jeopardize the safety or security of an individual Soldier or an entire unit.

Like BDUs, ACUs have an expected wear life of six to 12 months and are made of the same rip-stop fabric as the summer BDUs. For quality control, DSCP closely monitors production at its manufacturing facilities through periodic site visits and quality inspections by specialists assigned to these facilities, Panichelle said.

### ACUs issued by priority

The official ACUs are not currently available for purchase and are being issued on a prioritized basis, with deploying units top on the list.

At basic training sites, ACUs were issued to trainees beginning Oct. 1. At the Basic Combat Training Brigade, Fort Benning, Ga., the supply is limited but trainees receive ACUs before they go to their advanced training, said Dave Thompson, brigade S4 officer in charge.

Commanders in basic training units and graduates of drill sergeant school are allowed to buy ACUs early so they can set the example for trainees.



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es, duplexes, multi-family structures (such as four-plexes) and single family dwellings, said Rose Palmer of the Geary County Economic Development Commission. "More than half of those are under construction already," she said.

Officials in Grandview Plaza, Milford, Chapman, Manhattan and elsewhere within that 50-mile radius have approved or are working on approval of other housing developments, according to city meeting reports in The Daily Union newspaper in Junction City.

Even so, "Our latest analysis clearly shows that Soldiers and their families will be best served if we build an additional 400 housing units on post," said Col. Thomas Smith, U.S. Army Garrison commander at Fort Riley.

## New post housing fills small part of need

"As the garrison commander, I have a serious obligation to ensure the housing needs of our Soldiers – many of whom are returning from combat operations – and their families are met. The 400 units are a very small percentage of the total number of projected requirements, but we are fortunate to have great community support in meeting the additional requirements."

The 400 on-post homes would meet less than 4.5 percent of the 9,000 homes post officials are estimating new families will need.

Picerne Military Housing expects to assume management of 3,052 on-post homes in July, once

its Residential Communities Initiative development plan is approved by the Army.

Later, it will assume management of 62 new homes already planned and partially under construction in the Morris Heights and O'Donnell Heights housing areas. Post officials estimate completion of those 62 homes sometime between December 2006 and May 2007.

Adding 400 new homes on post after Picerne Military Housing takes over will bring the total number to 3,514 units available to active duty servicemembers. All the additional 400 homes will have three or four bedrooms, Picerne officials said.

Picerne Military Housing and Fort Riley officials continue to work out the details of the housing development plan, but Brian Beauregard, Picerne's program director, told about 50 people attending a Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council meeting Oct. 27 those plans will include demolition and replacement of hundreds of other homes on Fort Riley.

A portion of the development plan calls for demolition of about 600 units in Warner Heights. They would be replaced with about 500 larger units spaced farther apart than current housing is spaced, said Cassidy Hill, Picerne Military Housing spokeswoman at Fort Riley.

"The 100 homes (not replaced in Warner Heights) will be built in one of the new sites that have been identified by Fort Riley for new development," she said.

Future locations of family housing could be in the Camp Forsyth area west of the commissary or on Custer Hill, south of Warner Heights, said Charlie Williams, the post's Residential Communities Initiative official.

Beauregard also told people attending the military affairs council meeting that plans call for demolition of some housing and renovation of other housing in McClellan, Meade and Burnside Heights areas. The result would be 404 housing units in those areas instead of the current 810, he said.

## Homes to be built east of school

Sixty to 80 new homes would be built east of Ware Elementary School and south of Thomas Avenue to make up for that reduction. The rest of the difference in housing units would be built in other development areas on post, Hill said. Those replacements do not count as part of the additional 400 homes planned.

Another 1,400 homes on post would be renovated during Picerne's 50-year lease and management contract, Beauregard told the council. That renovation would result in more open floor plans in existing homes on post plus enlargement of master bedroom suites, kitchens and storage areas.

The 253 historic homes on post would be remodeled and maintained in cooperation with the state's historic preservation officials, Beauregard said.

# New service office planned

A planned Housing Service Office should provide better off-post relocation service to military families headed to Fort Riley once it is operational, said Elbert Newman, chief of housing services on post.

Development is under way, but the goal is to provide innovative and comprehensive relocation services to relocating Soldiers, families and civilian employees, he said.

Army housing operations have undergone much change in the recent past, Newman pointed out. Privatization of utilities and housing, base closures and the increased war fighting mission are examples of such changes facing the HSO, he said.

"For the HSO to be successful, it must be managed aggressively with a strong focus on teamwork," Newman empha-

sized. "Not just teamwork within a HSO branch, but teamwork between other HSO branches, creating a virtual team that extends around the globe."

Planning has not progressed enough to determine just how large the HSO staff will be or who will man the HSO, Newman said.

"Because the positions are new, we are in the process of writing the job descriptions. We will then have to go through CPOC (Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center) and have the descriptions approved and a grade determination made," he explained.

Another factor contributing to the change is the privatization of the family housing operation. Picerne Military Housing assumes management of on-post military housing in July, once its development plan is

approved by Department of the Army.

"The level of staffing will be dependent on the post population, so it will probably start with a lower number and grow with the post," Newman suggested.

A Headquarters, Department of the Army, task force conducted fact-finding visits at several installations. The task force conducted focus groups on those installations to determine Soldiers' preferences in assistance with off-post housing issues.

From those focus groups, the new HSO will focus on some key areas: Global support for families overseas and headed for Fort Riley, a higher level of service relating to home buying education options and resources available and working proactively with the local community.

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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

Veterans Day is Nov. 11. Who would you consider to be a "real" veteran?



"A person who has answered the call to combat or who has served his country. Some veterans weren't called to combat, but they're still a veteran. Anyone who accepts the responsibility to go, even if they haven't volunteered."

**Michael Cicero**  
Contracted trainer  
Home: Tyler, Texas



"Anybody who is now or has worn the uniform is a veteran. Those who fought in the war I call a combat veteran."

**Blake Harmon**  
Contracted adviser  
Home: Colorado Springs, Colo.



"Anyone who has served in the military. It doesn't matter if they fought in the war. If they served this country, then they should be honored on Veterans Day."

**Tammy Kemp**  
Military spouse  
Home: Chattanooga, Tenn.



"Veterans Day is for honoring past and present Soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice. I consider civilian firefighters and police officers working in our communities everyday to be veterans."

**1st Sgt. Sean Polwort**  
Company C, 1st Battalion,  
28th Infantry, "Black Lions"  
Home: Houston



"Anybody's who's been to Iraq or Afghanistan. There are two types of veterans: War veterans and service veterans."

**Sgt. Sean Riley**  
Physical therapy technician  
MEDDAC  
Home: San Antonio

### Next week's question:

What do you think would be an indication somebody was in trouble emotionally and maybe thinking about committing suicide?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at [mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil](mailto:mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil) or faxed to the editor at 239-2592.

## Global War on Terrorism Information just as important as bullets

*Editor's note: These comments by Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were made Oct. 24 during a radio interview and reported in an American Forces Press Service article written by Jim Garamore the next day.*



**Marine Gen. Peter Pace**

Information is as important in the global war on terrorism as bullets and bombs. In addition to killing or capturing terrorists, the United States is aiming to stop people from wanting to join extremist groups.

What we're trying to do is influence others to understand that these thugs, these terrorists, are not out for anyone's good

interest. These terror groups do not have a positive message.

What they want to do is subjugate people. And in that kind of a war, where they can lie and we will not

and should not, information and how it is passed and how people absorb it is critical.

We need to make sure we take every opportunity to inform folks about what we're trying to do

and how we're trying to do it. Actions also must be consistent with words. The way our forces execute things on the ground, it needs to be consistent, precise, balanced. Whether we are saying it or doing it, the message is the same, which is: We are against terrorists, and we are for the Iraqi and Afghan people.

The Iraqi armed forces and police are doing better in all categories, and I don't mean to put a great big smiley face on it. The Iraqis are making these strides in the face of an insurgency and under attack from foreign fighters. They are doing extremely well. They are learning.

There are now more than 200,000 trained and equipped members of the Iraqi military and police in about 115 battalions.

Coalition officials in Iraq rate about one-third of the battalions as in the lead, with two-thirds listed as fighting side-by-side with Coalition units.

The most recent election strengthens the community, strengthens the bonds and reinforces for their armed forces and their police that Iraq does have a future.

What the Iraqi security forces are doing is providing an opportunity for their fellow citizens to live in freedom. That just gets stronger every day.

## Community improvement School bond election sends positive image

*Editor's note: This commentary first appeared in the Geary County USD 475 District Newsletter "Insights" published Oct. 24. Registered voters living on Fort Riley were able to vote in the election, and schools on post are part of USD 475.*



**Ronald Walker**

**By Ronald P. Walker**  
Superintendent of Schools

On Oct. 18, the citizens of Geary County gave their stamp of approval on the district's \$33 million dollar bond issue. This approval is much more than just a majority of the voters agreeing with the ideas presented during the election campaign.

For the first time since 1950,

voters spoke with a very clear voice that it is now time for Geary County to take a well-deserved place among the communities in Kansas that are progressive as well

as aggressive in claiming our share of the state's economic pie.

While the vote to approve the building of new elementary and middle schools would seem to some as only a school issue, many citizens knew that this was the one window of opportunity

for Geary County to make a gigantic step toward the future.

Many business enterprises were anxiously awaiting the outcome of this election. As business decisions are made to locate in a community, one of the main areas they analyze is the community's commitment to education. A quality education and well-educated workforce is a large component of the decision-making matrix.

Families also decide on where they will reside based on the education, location to their job and the overall collaboration of business, private citizens and education in making life for children exciting, enjoyable and educationally sound. The vote on the bond election was a positive commitment by the citizens of

Geary County to all of Kansas and the United States that all children are valued in our country.

Our board of education and employees have a vision of our school district that is both exciting and progressive. New and remodeled schools will make USD 475 very attractive to our current citizens as well as those who are new to the state.

A vision begins with a dream and then is translated into goals and objectives. These are then placed in action item format and the implementation process involves hundreds of people.

Through the KIDS Committee and our Board of Education, one dream now results in a bright future for thousands of very fortunate students who call USD 475 home.

## Personal improvement Education week time for us all to refocus

**By Adelina Morales**  
Chief, student services

Army educators join educators from across the country to celebrate American Education Week Nov. 14-18. During that observance, the Army will be refocusing on strengthening its resolve to educate America's Soldier students to meet the challenges of leadership today and tomorrow. This year's theme is "A Stronger Army Begins with Educated Soldiers!" which underscores the philosophy that started AEW.

Representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met for the first time in 1919 to discuss the distressing fact that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit. As a result of this meeting to seek ways to generate public support for education, the Army's Soldiers have become the knowledge- and capabilities-based

force they are today.

The Army Continuing Education System offers a variety of programs to assist Soldiers in obtaining their college degree, GED, certification or licensure. These programs take into consideration the Soldier's busy career and his or her personal time, whether it be leisure or with family.

No longer tied to the traditional classroom type of education, Soldiers can now earn their degree through a variety of distance learning programs sponsored through their local Army Education Centers.

Stop by one of your Education Centers at Fort Riley for more information on ACES programs and services. Learning Center No. 1 is located in Building 7604, 239-9485. The Main Post Learning Center is in Building 217, 239-6481.

For more information on AEW-related events and displays, call 239-6481.



**Adelina Morales**

## Grunt By Wayne Ulden



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# 'Green to Gold' earns 'bars'

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

The Army's "Green to Gold" commissioning program offers Fort Riley enlisted Soldiers a way to become an officer without leaving active duty to accept an ROTC scholarship or losing active duty pay and medical benefits.

One ROTC provision is "a two-year active duty option to get a degree and stay on active duty in lieu of receiving a scholarship (to attend college)," said Lt. Col. Arthur S. DeGroat, professor of military science at Kansas State University. "They get their pay and keep their TRICARE benefits."

Three "Green to Gold" cadets joined the KSU ROTC battalion this year, boosting the school's number to five or six "Green to Gold" cadets," DeGroat said.

Two "Green to Gold" cadets joined from Fort Riley — Brian Wood, formerly with the 19th Public Affairs Detachment, and Jason Heaser, formerly with the 331st Signal Company.

Officers commissioned through the "Green to Gold" program must complete at least four years of active duty and four years in the Individual Ready Reserve after graduation.

At KSU, anywhere from 60

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percent to 80 percent of the 16 to 20 graduating cadets are commissioned on active duty, DeGroat said.

"The cadet's choice of active or reserve duty plays a large part in that. We try to balance their desires with the needs of the Army," he said.

Some students are in the simultaneous service program and have signed contracts that will require them to stay in their reserve or guard units after graduation, DeGroat added.

In recent years, however, everyone who wanted active duty got it, DeGroat said.

That may not hold true in the future. "The U.S. Army Cadet Command last year and this year has an increased mission for reserve component commis-

sions," he explained. That might mean some ROTC graduates wanting active duty won't get it.

The KSU ROTC program grew from 70 students about five years ago to 125 students this year, DeGroat said. That increase also brought two new faculty members to the program this year.

The KSU program ranks as the second largest in its eight-state, 20-university cadet brigade, he said.

Another recent indicator of the program's success came with recent notification that three of its graduating cadets have been granted two-year education delays so they can complete graduate studies before returning to active duty.

Cadet Heaser will attend law school and become an Army judge advocate general officer. Cadet Monte Hines will attend seminary and become an Army chaplain. Cadet Sara Brogan will attend KSU graduate school for microbiology and immunology and become an Army medical research scientist.

Having three cadets selected for graduate studies ties the KSU ROTC program with those at Boston University, Johns Hopkins University and Cornell University.

Many people helped the cadets reach this accomplishment,

DeGroat said. Retired Maj. Gen. Orris Kelly, a former Army chaplain living in Manhattan; Col. Bob Teetsel, command staff judge advocate at Fort Riley; and faculty members of the KSU biology department are to be commended for their exceptional mentorship and support, he said.

Being close to Fort Riley is a benefit for KSU's ROTC cadets, DeGroat said. Because of the support of people at the fort, cadets get to meet officers in career fields they are thinking about pursuing. For example, they do military police ride-alongs and medical fieldwork at Irwin Army Community Hospital if they are interested in those career fields, he added.

The success of the KSU program also can be counted with the names of distinguished graduates, including retired Lt. Gen. Richard Seitz, the youngest battalion commander to serve in World War II who now lives in Junction City; Brig. Gen. John Small, now the deputy adjutant general for the Kansas Army National Guard; retired Maj. Gen. Tom Romig, who served as the staff judge advocate for the Army; and Maj. Mark Nutsch, a Special Forces A Team commander and cowboy from Alma, Kan., who played a key role in defeating the Taliban in Afghanistan.

## Army activates missile command

By Kimberly Green  
Army News Service

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The 94th Air and Missile Defense Command unfurled its colors during a ceremony Oct. 14 on Fort Shafter as the Army transforms to meet the security challenges of the 21st century. The new command is the Asia-Pacific Theater's first line of defense, officials said.

The ceremony marked the activation of the third Army air and missile defense command — two in the active component and one in the reserve component.

The 94th AAMDC is the

newest addition to the modular Army and is tailored for joint and multi-national operations. It is a command headquarters element that controls Army air defense units and will assist in planning theater-level air and missile defenses.

"In this region of the world, there is a rapid growth in the number of air-delivered weapons systems," said Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commanding general of U.S. Army, Pacific. "Things will change; we'll keep all our existing missions, but we will also become a war-fighting headquarters. The 94th AAMDC is an integral part of the headquarters transformation."

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# America's newest veterans



Chief Warrant Officer Christian Beck stands beside a Black Hawk helicopter Oct. 22 at Marshall Army Air Field. Beck is preparing to deploy with the 82nd Med. Co. (AA) for the unit's third deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Post/Perrin

## 4 Purple Hearts adorn uniform

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

The Class A "greens" hang in a closet at Stephen A. Onori's home in Manhattan. He removed the dry cleaner's plastic cover about a week ago to display it and the decorations, patches and badges he earned during 13 years as an infantryman. The polished brass and colorful ribbons appeared as new as the uniform looked, ready for a dress parade the new civilian won't need to prepare for.

The former staff sergeant spent about half his time in the Army with Company B, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, at Fort Riley. He went to war with his company to defeat Saddam Hussein's oppressive regime and came home from the first fighting of Operation Iraqi Freedom without injuries or wounds.

Onori had decided to return to civilian life after that, but the Army had different plans. "I planned to get out after 12 years," he explained, but he got caught in a stop-loss order that kept him on active duty and sent him to Iraq one more time. This time, he came home with four Purple Hearts.

Improvised explosive devices caused his wounds. Thirteen IED attacks, a car bomb and one anti-tank mine caused three concussions, two broken ribs and injuries to his left shoulder, tail bone and right hip.

Fortunately, Onori said, his wounds were not serious and left no physical impairment.

The anti-tank mine destroyed the Bradley he commanded, but overall, "I was just bruised and battered. I still have all my digits," he said, wiggling the fingers on both hands.

Wounds they got didn't keep Soldiers Onori knows from wanting to stay in the Army, to go back to Iraq and "to finish the fight," he said. "I think they're patriots, but I don't think any of us are looking to be heroes."

Onori suggested it was the personal choice of career and professionalism Soldiers develop that keeps them in the Army. "We're all volunteers. We all raised our hands and joined," he said. "I didn't want to be called a hero. I just



Former Staff Sgt. Stephen Onori shows off the decorations, ribbons and badges he earned while serving in the Army for 13 years. Post/Heronemus

did what I was asked to do."

He explained: "Your whole military career you train for a combat situation. Us 'grunts' always say, 'When you get to the war, that's our Super Bowl.' It's a feeling of getting something accomplished."

The ongoing fight in Iraq bears some resemblance to what Soldiers fighting in Vietnam experienced, Onori surmised. It's not what Soldiers in World War II or Korea faced; they fought their enemy head on, he said.

In Iraq, like in Vietnam, you're fighting a ghost. You often don't see the enemy, and "when you take out one, six more might appear," Onori elaborated.

"My father did two tours in Vietnam. We used to joke around ... My father fought people in the jungles. I (told him) we fight the same kind (of war). My jungle is the buildings and the city and the streets. His (jungle) was trees and ours was buildings. They fought ghosts, too, hiding in their little cubby, holes and underground caves."

In a lot of ways, what the Soldiers face in Iraq today resembles what his father and other Vietnam veterans face in their war, Onori said.

## Pilot pursues childhood 'love'

By Stephanie Perrin  
Staff writer

He doesn't consider himself a veteran but Chief Warrant Officer Christian Beck will soon find himself flying a helicopter over the sands of Iraq - again - in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Beck, a pilot with the 82nd Medical Company (AA), is preparing to deploy in support of the unit's third rotation to Iraq.

Beck enlisted in the Army in 1999 to work as a mechanic on Black Hawk helicopters.

"Ever since I was a little boy, I just loved helicopters. I enlisted in the Army to be a helicopter mechanic, working on Black Hawks. I decided after about a year and a half that I wanted to fly them," he said.

He transferred to Fort Rucker, Ala., for the six-week warrant officer school and nine-month flight training program. "I checked out going the 'Green to Gold' option and going commissioned, but I just thought that I was better suited to be a warrant officer," he said.

Upon completion of his training at Fort Rucker, Beck headed to Iraq to join the 82nd Med. Co. He spent two months with the unit before it returned to Fort Riley.

The second time he went to Iraq with the 82nd Med. Co., Beck received a Purple Heart on Dec. 29. His injuries came when his aircraft began taking fire during a mission three weeks before the unit was scheduled to return home.

"It was a priority mission into a place we had gone several times before," Beck said. The crew's orders were to evacuate an Iraqi citizen injured when he had fallen off a truck, Beck said. "We picked up our patient and we were just departing the secured area when we started taking fire. That's when the bird got hit and that's when I got hit."

A bullet went through the aircraft's console and hit his right leg. He was treated at a military hospital in Germany for six days before being transported to Fort Riley and his family, he said. After eight surgeries and seven months of recovery, Beck said he feels prepared for the upcoming deployment.

"I don't think I'm nervous. Initially I was because I didn't know how I was going to heal and everything. Now I'm back up flying, doing my job; so it hasn't prevented me from being able to go out there and do this mission," he said.

Beck said he receives great personal satisfaction from his position as a pilot for a medical company. Saving lives and supporting his fellow Soldiers who work on the ground is what he finds most rewarding, he said.

"I really feel for the guys on the ground. They're exposed to the elements all day, every day in a tough environment. My heart goes out to those guys who are always climbing in those vehicles and doing convoys and convoy security," he said.

"For us to go into a (landing zone) and pick somebody up, it's a brief moment in time. These guys operate in that environment day-in and day-out, all day long. I don't think the two can probably be compared," he said.

Beck said he has been approached by members of Veterans of Foreign Wars chapters about joining their organizations.

"I don't really consider myself a veteran until I'm (retired from the Army). When I'm done with the Army, I'll be a true veteran," Beck said. "Right now, it's not something that I want to do. I'm

busy spending time with my kids and my family."

His upcoming deployment has been particularly hard for his 11- and 7-year-old sons, he said.

"When I got hurt, it was really really tough on the kids, and having to go back is even harder this time because I did get hurt the last time I went away. It's definitely made them realize that this is a dangerous job," Beck said.

During his deployments, Beck keeps in regular contact with his family through phone calls and e-mail. Such technologies weren't available for veterans of World War II, he said.

"These veterans of World War II were gone for three and four years at a time with no contact with family. It's kind of a different status symbol with them versus the rest of us veterans who are gone for a year at a time, but right now the whole Army is gone for a year at time with rotations," Beck said.

He will, once again, deploy separately and rejoin the unit in Iraq. Beck will be returning to Fort Rucker in late October or early November to complete the four-month maintenance test pilot course.

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# DoD plan aims to fix military pay issues

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Improving the process that provides servicemembers with correct pay and allowances is part of the Defense Department's plan to modernize its business practices, senior DoD transformation officials said Oct. 26.

DoD is attuned to troop pay issues, Thomas B. Modly, deputy undersecretary of defense for financial management, told reporters during an interview at the Pentagon.

Fixing military pay issues also is a part of DoD's transformation efforts, Modly said.

Ensuring servicemembers receive their proper pay involves knowing how to actually make payments and also recognizing personnel actions that affect pay, he said.

DoD lacks an overarching system to integrate pay-related personnel actions occurring in the field, such as inputting an authorization for combat or danger pay, with pay disbursement made by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Modly said.

Unit personnel specialists cause some errors that lead to troop pay problems, he said. Inaccurate data is then integrated into the pay system, which produces paychecks that don't jibe with servicemembers' expectations.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has vowed to modernize and transform the department to improve its across-the-board efficiency, including issues like

## New agency

*With the approval of the Business Transformation Agency (BTA) on Oct. 7, 2005, Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England has established an agency that will focus on advancing defense-wide business transformation.*

*By consolidating, coordinating and integrating the department's business transformation activities, the BTA is expected to provide consistency in DoD's business transformation efforts, minimize redundancies in its business systems and reduce overhead for the department.*

*Rather than creating a new bureaucracy, the BTA shifts the resources for existing business processes and system modernization into a unified, focused organization.*

military pay. In fact, DoD is slated to spend \$4.2 billion for agency-wide business modernization in fiscal year 2006, said Paul A. Brinkley, deputy undersecretary of defense for business transformation.

As part of this effort, DoD will stand up a new Business Transformation Agency that will be headed by a career civil servant to be selected in coming months, Brinkley said.

Brinkley said the Business

Transformation Agency isn't a bureaucratic exercise. Its purpose, he explained, is to help direct and coordinate the modernization of DoD's business operations.

The Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System is a key program under the BTA's purview that's envisioned to improve military pay operations.

Army Reserve Maj. Gen. Carlos D. Pair, chief of staff for U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., recently was designated as the first defense business systems acquisition executive.

Pair is slated to start his new job Nov. 14. He'll be a key member of the BTA leadership team, Brinkley said. Pair will have executive responsibility and oversight of DoD-level acquisition programs, Brinkley said.

Pair also will be involved with oversight of the Defense Integrated Military Personnel Pay System, Modly said. He noted that DoD has always placed a high priority on solving servicemembers' pay problems.

Recent press reports citing pay problems among deployed servicemembers referred to incidents that occurred months back, with most having been resolved long ago, he said.

In fact, troop pay mix-ups have come down substantially in the past year, Modly said.

DoD and service branch pay officials are confident about the quality of service devoted to ensuring that servicemembers receive the correct pay, Modly said.



## Rubble now, bridge later

Construction workers with Dondlinger and Sons of Wichita, work on tearing down the Henry Drive railroad bridge Oct. 28. The bridge, which closed Sept. 6, is being torn down and replaced. The Henry Drive Bridge crossing the Republican River also is being replaced. The project is expected to take one year to complete.

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## Officials expect database to head off pay problems

By Ken Hall  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A new pay tracking system for Soldiers wounded in action is now in place to head off potential financial woes for Soldiers under transition from the combat zone to the rehab zone.

"The Army has a headquarters-level team working all aspects of improving the personnel administration and support for Soldiers wounded in action with pay being a piece of that action," said G. Eric Reid, director of the U.S. Army Finance Command.

A conference in Indianapolis Oct. 17-18 focused on explaining the WIA database to finance officers.

This new program features triggers that will keep current the names and status of all Army Soldiers wounded in action who have departed Southwest Asia for treatment in Germany and later at Walter Reed Medical Center and other health treatment facilities. In a prepared statement, Reid explained several procedures being taken to counteract pay and service debt mishaps:

- This past summer, the Wounded in Action database came online, pulling information from numerous medical systems and comparing it to pay system records. Memos and entry flags are now posted on the pay system to alert and update the servicing finance office for medical treatment facilities and provide them

an initial baseline for audits and reviews of WIA Soldier pay accounts.

- A detailed Standing Operating Procedure was jointly published by DFAS and the Army for actions to be taken by finance activities. These actions include using and updating the WIA database, providing face-to-face support for WIA Soldiers' hospitalized in medical treatment facilities and verifying correctness of all pay and entitlements. The SOP also seeks to ensure that debts are suspended, validated and processed through correct channels for cancellation, remission or waiver.

- A central team run by the Army National Guard administers pay for all Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers assigned to the Civilian Based Health Care Organization, commonly called CBHCO. This includes some new automated tools for the regional command offices providing over-all command and administrative support for these Soldiers. CBHCO is a program for Soldiers to return home but remain on active duty while receiving treatment for injuries within the local community. This team also ensures continuity of pay and entitlements while on active duty, as all Medical Retention Orders issued by the Army Human Resources Command are processed in the pay system.

- Reviews of pay accounts for wounded in action and non-battle injury Soldiers are conducted to guard against out-of-service debts

and suspension of debts through centralized actions.

Legislation passed after the commencement of operations in Iraq gives Soldiers wounded in action hostile fire pay for up to 90 days after they have departed their theater of operation.

Another benefit from this legislation is that Soldiers hospitalized for rehabilitation care as a result of being wounded in action will receive combat zone tax exclusion pay during that hospitalization for as long as two years after the area of operations is no longer considered a combat zone.

The new WIA database pay tracking system may still have a few bugs to iron out before the dust settles for at least a few Soldiers now undergoing rehabilitation stateside. In the case of one WIA Soldier featured in recent news headlines: Spc. Robert Loria was billed for equipment lost in Iraq, for combat pay he received while in the hospital and for travel costs associated with follow-up medical care at Walter Reed totaling several thousand dollars. Loria also was being pursued by a private collection agency for indebtedness to the government contracted housing firm at Fort Hood.

"Unfortunately," Reid said, "a housing office or a travel computation office may not always be aware of a WIA Soldier's circumstances, so they simply process billing actions like any normal ones. This is in part why the WIA database was developed."

## Soldiers complete service

By Stephanie Perrin  
Staff writer

Three Fort Riley Soldiers were honored for their service to the military at a retirement ceremony Oct. 26 at Ware Parade Field.

The Soldiers received Meritorious Service Medals for their outstanding service.

Maj. James Klotz of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), retired after 20 years of military service. He plans to live in Manhattan and spend more time with his family.

Sgt. 1st Class Dwane Anthony of 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, retired after 20 years of military service. He plans to live in Evansville, Ind., and obtain a position with Anthcon, a Department of Defense contractor.

Sgt. 1st Class Zachary Jenkins of the 523rd Military Police Detachment retired after 23 years of military service. He plans to live in Columbia, S.C., and open an airbrushing business.

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## Post news in brief

### E-7 board to convene

The fiscal year 2006 sergeant first class promotion board will convene Jan. 31. Eligibility criteria for promotion consideration to sergeant first class are those Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course qualified staff sergeants who have a date of rank of Feb. 1, 2004, or earlier and basic active duty service date between Feb. 1, 1985, and Jan. 31, 2000, both dates inclusive.

Staff sergeants with a date of rank of Feb. 1, 2003, or earlier will be considered in the primary zone. Those with a date of rank of Feb. 2, 2003, through Feb. 1, 2004, will be considered in the secondary zone.

Staff sergeants have until Jan. 13, 2006, to validate their Web enlisted records brief, submit a digital photograph, submit documents to their official military personnel file and provide NCO enlisted records to the Enlisted Records Evaluation Center.

BNCOC graduation is a requirement for consideration by this board. However, all staff sergeants who meet other criteria should update their records. If Headquarters, Department of the Army, determines that the reason an NCO does not have BNCOC is due to the Army's inability to schedule the training, or as a direct result of operational deployment conflicts, HQDA may waive BNCOC graduation as an eligibility requirement for promotion consideration.

Eligible staff sergeants may schedule an appointment to update their ERBs by calling 239-2973 or 239-2934.

### Staff report

The Article 32 hearing for 2nd Lt. Erick J. Anderson will begin at 9 a.m. Nov. 16 in Patton Hall at Fort Riley.

Anderson, from 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, has been charged with two specifications of conspiracy to commit murder, two specifications of murder, dereliction of duty, making a false official statement and two specifications of conduct unbecoming an officer.

All charges stem from two separate incidents that occurred while Anderson was deployed to Iraq.

Article 32 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, (Section 832

of Title 10, United States Code), requires a thorough and impartial investigation of charges and specifications before they may be referred to a general court-martial (the most serious level of court-martial).

The purpose of this pretrial investigation is to inquire into the truth of the matter set forth in the charges, to consider the form of the charges and to secure information to determine what disposition should be made of the case in the interest of justice and discipline.

The investigation also serves as a means of pretrial discovery for the accused and defense counsels in that copies of the criminal investigation and witness state-

ments are provided and witnesses who testify may be cross-examined.

An investigation is normally directed when it appears the charges are of such a serious nature that trial by general court-martial may be warranted.

The commander directing an investigation under Article 32 details a commissioned officer as investigating officer, who will conduct the investigation and make a report of conclusions and recommendations. The

his officer is never the accuser and he or she may or may not have any legal training.

If the investigating officer is not a lawyer, he or she may seek

legal advice from an impartial source.

The accused at an Article 32 investigation has several important rights.

If the investigation is not waived, the accused is entitled to be present throughout the investigative hearing (unlike a civilian grand jury proceeding).

At the hearing, the accused has the right to be represented by an appointed military defense counsel or may request an individual military defense counsel by name and may hire a civilian attorney at his or her own expense.

Also unlike a civilian grand jury proceeding, the servicemember, through the member's attor-

ney, has the right to call witnesses, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses called during the investigation, to compel the attendance of reasonably available military witnesses, to ask the investigating officer to invite relevant civilian witnesses to provide testimony during the investigation and to testify, although he or she cannot be compelled to do so.

The Article 32 investigation is generally an open proceeding that may be attended by the public.

The recommendation of the Article 32 investigating officer for subsequent action is not final. It is only an advisory for the commanding officer.

## Post, McConnell AFB line up for blood drive

### Staff report

Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base personnel extend their arms this month to see who wins the Battle of the Brave Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Blood donations will be taken from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 15 at Riley's Conference Center and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 16 at Riley's Conference Center, 448 Seitz Drive.

The Red Cross is the primary provider of blood to Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Those wishing to donate blood must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Candidates must be healthy, meaning they feel well and can perform normal activities.

In the case of chronic conditions, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, donations may be accepted as long as the donor is being treated and has the condition under control. Donors are eligible to donate every 56 days.

Individuals should not donate blood if they have spent a total time that adds up to five years or more in Europe, including time spent in the United Kingdom from 1980 to 1996 and time associated with a military base in Europe from Jan. 1, 1980, to the present. Candidates also will be ineligible to donate if they received a blood transfusion or an injection of bovine insulin while in Europe during the dates specified.

Medical professionals will be available at the donation site to discuss details of each donor's health history confidentially before blood donation. The final determination of eligibility will be made at that time.

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## Post news in brief

### Army offers \$1,000 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone providing information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of a black, 2005 Honda TRX 450-R all-terrain vehicle, Vehicle Identification Number HFT30045A110847.

The ATV was stolen between 7:45 a.m. Sept. 16 and 7 p.m. Sept. 17 from the parking lot adjacent to Building 7002B and Infantry Drive on Fort Riley.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call Special Agent Jeffrey Lasley at the Fort Riley CID office, 239-8641, or the military police at 239-6767.

### Vets Day alters trash collection

The refuse collection schedule will change Nov. 7-11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The schedule is:  
**Nov. 7** – Colyer Manor, Main Post, dumpster at Building 621. (No change from regular schedule.)

**Nov. 8** – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montieth Heights, Peterson Heights north of Thomas Avenue, dumpsters at Building 5309. (No change from regular schedule.)

**Nov. 9** – Warner Heights, Burnside Heights, Marshall Field and dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 470, 540, 542 and 621.

**Nov. 10** – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, Peterson Heights south of Thomas Avenue and dumpsters at Building 5309.

**Nov. 11** – No pick up, Veterans Day holiday.  
For more information, call Paul Cassella at 239-6274.

### Leaf pick-up under way

Leaf pick-up with the Directorate of Public Works leaf vacuum machine began in areas of heavy tree concentration Oct. 31. Weather permitting and with emphasis in housing areas, the leaf pick-up schedule is:

**Main Post** on Mondays and Tuesdays

**Marshall Army Air Field** on Wednesdays

**Camp Forsyth** on Thursdays

**Custer Hill** and other areas on Fridays

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked or piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate through November or as long as necessary to complete fall leaf removal.

Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied. For more information, call 239-3908.

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# New civilian personnel regs go to Congress

## Changes take effect Nov. 25 for 650,000

By Jim Garamone  
AFPS

WASHINGTON – Ending a nearly two-year process, the Defense Department has presented the final National Security Personnel System regulation to Congress.

Acting Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England said at a Pentagon news conference Oct. 25 that Congress has 30 days to review the final regulations. The regulations will take effect Nov. 25. The changes ultimately will affect 650,000 of the 750,000 DoD civilian employees.

Once adopted, the labor-relations portion of the system will take effect immediately. "The human resources portion – the new pay bands, the pay-for-performance system, etc. – is scheduled to progressively begin in February," England said.

Some 60,000 employees are in the first group, or "spiral," to come under the new program, officials said. But human resources officials will be very deliberate in how the program

### Town hall meetings

**Fort Riley personnel officials will conduct Town Hall Meetings at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in Barlow Theater to explain the new National Security Personnel System.**

goes, England said. In fact, the system will go through a six-month "mock period" before becoming effective.

"That is, at the end of six months, we will evaluate," England said. "We will act as if this was for real, but it will be a mock exercise in terms of the results that we can learn."

During the mock period, DoD employees will receive pay raises as in the past. It isn't until January 2007 that the pay-for-performance portion of the system kicks in for real, officials said.

"So we have all of next year to implement the system before it

really counts," England said. "And we will then progressively put people in, and each time learn from those experiences and improve the system."

The deputy secretary said that if problems arise, DoD will halt the program and adjust it. "We want the system to work right for everyone," he said.

Setting up the system is enormously complicated, said Mary Lacey, program executive officer for the system. Training is a large part of the system, and DoD has been training human resources people and supervisors how the system should work.

"It also involves the training of line managers who are actually going to operate the system and have an increased role in the system than they've had in the past in making determinations and decisions, as well as every employee," Lacey said.

All DoD employees will receive training in the system, Lacey said.

Office of Personnel Management Director Linda Springer said the system protects the principles that protect federal workers: merit systems principles, due process and veteran's preference.

"I can tell you today that all of those have been preserved and have been adequately maintained in these regulations," she said.

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## Pamphlet updates career management

### Army officials rewrite plan for officer development path

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-3, Commissioned Officer Development and Career Management, has been rewritten and was released to the field electronically Oct. 21.

The updated pamphlet can be viewed at [http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/p600\\_3.pdf](http://www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/p600_3.pdf).

It has been updated to reflect the latest changes to the Officer Personnel Management System, said Lt. Col. Dennis Harrington of the Army G1's Officer Accessions Policy Branch. For instance, Intermediate Level Education, or ILE, has replaced the Command and General Staff Officer Course, he said.

Additional changes to the pamphlet are expected next year, Harrington said. He expects another DA Pam 600-3 to be released in fall 2006, and he said that one should include new career timelines.

The G1 staff redefined the current pamphlet as a professional development guide for all officers based on specific guidance from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker. The pamphlet no longer prescribes a path of assignments or schools that will guarantee success, but rather describes the full spectrum of developmental opportunities an officer can expect throughout a career, Harrington said.

The revised pamphlet emphasizes the requirement for the future force leader to acquire the proper balance of depth and breadth of experience in challenging leadership positions with a focus on becoming leader qualified, he said.

Other specific changes in this summer's version of DA Pam 600-3 include:

- All references to Officer Development System, or ODS, have been deleted.

- In chapter 2, the three pillars of leader development have been renamed the three domains of leader development.

- The evolving changes of the Officer Education System, or OES, are introduced in chapter 4, as well as referenced by each of the proponents in their applicable chapters;

- The masking of warrant officer (W-1) evaluation reports after selection to chief warrant officer (W-3) and second lieutenant OERs upon promotion to captain is discussed in chapter 6;

- The last major change is the addition of a new functional area. Psychological operations (FA 37) and civil affairs (FA 38C) are now two separate and distinct functional areas for the active component.

Human Resource Command-Alexandria, in coordination with G1, has established a task force for the review of the entire Officer Personnel Management System. Harrington said proposed changes are focused on developing the officer corps to successfully serve in a campaign-quality, joint and expeditionary Army as well as to synchronize the OPMS with the Army's battle rhythm.

Force stabilization manning practices will be the cornerstone of a modular future force and will be outlined in a new publication, The New Manning System - COHORT Unit Replacement System, dated Oct. 27, 1986. The new publication is as yet not numbered and will replace AR 600-83.



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## Sports news in brief

### Trooper girls lose nail-biter

Fort Riley Middle School's seventh-grade Lady Troopers basketball lost a 26-25 nail-biter to the Royal Valley Panthers Oct. 27.

The Troopers traveled for their opening game of the season, took the opening tip and put the first score on the boards.

Working and executing their offense effectively during the first quarter, the Troopers led 7-4 going into the second period.

The Troopers struggled through the second quarter and found themselves trailing by a point at halftime.

Tough defensive play and effective offensive efforts put the Troopers back on top by a point after three quarters of play.

### Middle school B team loses

Despite overall team hustle and spirited bench support, the Lady Troopers trailed by one with 10 seconds to go. The team executed a solid inbound play to get off a shot at the buzzer only to have the ball rim in and out.

In the B game, the Troopers played hard throughout the entire first and second half but lost despite a scoring surge late in the final quarter.

### Eighth-graders drop two games

The Troopers eighth-grade A and B basketball teams also lost Oct. 27 against a talented Royal Valley team. Both teams have improved and had a lot of things go their way, but the number of turnovers made it tough to pull out a win.

### Exercise class offers challenge

Revol-X, a revolving revolutionary exercise class designed to offer a variety and challenge to people of all fitness levels, begins Dec. 1 at King Field House.

Class formats include traditional step, yoga, turbo disk, circuits, tubes, bands, balls, weighted bars, dumbbells and more.

The free class offers exercisers a change of pace and will be offered at 9 a.m. every Thursday except Dec. 29 and Jan. 5.

For more information, call King Field House at 239-2813.

### Class keeps people moving

Turbo Kick is a way to change cardio workouts. It combines boxing, kickboxing and hip-hop moves, all done to music. Free trial dates for the class are:

Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 9 at 9 a.m.

For more information, call King Field House at 239-2813.

### Lifeguard classes slated

Lifeguard training will be offered at Eyster Pool from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 27-30.

For more information, call 239-9441.

## Army leads in Ironman

By Tim Hips  
Army News Service

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — The commander of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program topped all U.S. military finishers and led the All-Army team to victory in the 2005 Ironman World Championships.

Maj. Michael Hagen epitomized the phrase "lead by example" Oct. 15 at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, by completing the 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in 9 hours, 23 minutes and 7 seconds.

Lt. Col. Heidi Grimm anchored the Army's contingent by successfully defending her U.S. military women's Hawaii Ironman crown with a personal-best time of 10:42:03.

Capt. Arthur Mathisen (9:31:18) and Maj. Hector Tovar (10:19:54) rounded out the Army team (39:56:22) that prevailed by more than four hours over military runner-up Air Force (44:11:10). Each military team consisted of three men and one woman. The Marine Corps and Coast Guard had two male finishers and the Navy did not have a female finisher required

for an official team time.

"The biggest motivating factor for me and the biggest reason I do it is for the military team competition," said Hagen, 43, of Fort Carson, Colo., who finished seventh in the men's 40-44 age group with splits of 1:03:06 in the swim, 4:52:17 on the bike and 5:22:17 for the run. "I'm just able to push myself harder working for the team than I would be individually."

A four-time winner of the Armed Forces Triathlon Championships, Grimm, 38, finished 10th in the women's 35-39 age group.

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Lt. Col. Heidi Grimm of Fort Lewis, Wash., records a personal-best time in successfully defending the U.S. military women's crown in the 2005 Ironman World Championships Oct. 15 at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Courtesy photo

## Gridiron seat

### Engineers win against Artillerymen

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

In a back-and-forth battle, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, topped Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 34-25 in flag football action Oct. 25 at Sturgis Stadium.

Strong Engineer defense kept HHB from gaining any first downs in the first quarter. Sitting at the five-yard line on fourth down, HHB allowed the first score to go to the Engineers. A quick pass to Mike Southern, and the Engineers were up 6-0 early in the game.

Forced to punt in their second possession, HHB's strong kick landed in the hands of Jesse Griego at the Engineers' 24-yard line. Southern took a running pass from quarterback Rodney Pickett to the 35-yard line to end the quarter.

HHB re-took offensive control of the game early in the second period. Effective use of the two-pass offense put Dusty Kramer in the end zone to tie the game. Quarterback Danny Gochl's toss to Mike Lynch gave HHB a 7-6 lead.

With a one-handed catch by Southern and a second pass to Steve Hammerstone, the Engineers quickly made their way to HHB's nine-yard line. But HHB's defense thwarted several pass attempts, including one in the end zone. Southern caught a pass at the one-yard line, but his flag fell off before the catch, negating the touchdown at the end of the half.

The Engineers restarted their offensive drive at the beginning of the third quarter. After a few plays with no significant gain, Pickett launched an aerial to David Roberts, who caught the ball but was dived at the eight-yard line. Pickett then danced around the HHB defense to score. With an incomplete two-point conversion, the Engineers had a 12-7 lead.

The Engineers weren't done scoring, however. Roberts intercepted HHB's first offensive pass and ran it in for a touchdown. Pickett ran in the two points for a 20-7 game.

That was the start of back-and-forth scoring drives for both teams.

HHB's Martin Zarate threw a "Hail



Tyrone Cleveland of HHB, 1st Bn., 5th FA tries to grab the flag of falling quarterback Danny Gochl of Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., during company-level flag football play Oct. 25 at Sturgis Stadium. Post/Blackmon

Mary" to James Louis for a touchdown.

Engineer's Pickett was left wide open, giving him plenty of time to find Shamar Purdie for the touchdown. By the end of the third quarter, the Engineers led 26-13.

Lynch took HHB's five-play drive in for a score. A pass to Griego and extra points catch by Southern increased the Engineers' tally.

In response, Lynch threw to Zarate for another HHB score. With just four plays left, the Engineers held a 34-25 lead had the ball. HHB defense kept the Engineers near the line of scrimmage but couldn't regain possession before the regulated number of plays ended.

## Nurse runs Marine race

### Army officer participates in marathon

By Lorie Jewell  
Army News Service

KIRKUSH, Iraq — Lt. Col. Tammy LaFrancois started the Marine Corps Marathon in Kirkush, Iraq, Oct. 30 with the intent of running about 10 miles.

Ten turned into 15, which stretched to 20 and then the full 26.2 miles. She finished with a time of four hours, 30 minutes. She was the only woman to finish the marathon and one of eight runners at the base 60 miles north of Baghdad who decided to replicate the event run by nearly 28,000 the same day in Washington, D.C.

"I have a lot of determination," said LaFrancois, who arrived in Iraq at the end of August from Fort Campbell, Ky., where she works as an emergency room nurse at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital. "Once I made 15 miles, I thought I might as well try to finish it. It feels great to have done it, especially in Iraq."

LaFrancois is the senior medical adviser to the Iraqi Army at Kirkush Military Training Base. She started the marathon as a member of a relay team of other advisers that was assembled to accompany U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Steve Grass, the senior adviser to the base's Iraqi commander.

A five-mile loop around the perimeter of the base served as the course, taking runners over long stretches of rocks and gravel and past a sewage processing plant. An improvised explosive device hit a U.S. convoy outside the base entrance, causing temporary uncertainty about continuing the marathon.

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## Tunnel diggers leave battlefield scars on lawns

By Alan Hynek  
Fish and Wildlife Biologist



Alan Hynek

Many lawns and mowed areas on Fort Riley show signs similar to small battlefields. Small mounds of bare soil seem to appear out of nowhere.

Craters erupt as if a miniature army has passed through the area, complete with mortar impacts and demolition zones. Raised tunnels appear overnight as if an advancing enemy is in the midst.

What could cause all of this destruction?

### On the Wildside: News About Nature

The answer is moles and gophers. Although both culprits can cause similar damage to the landscape, they are two very different mammals.

The eastern mole is a member of the shrew family, mostly comprised of insectivores.

Moles can be found in loose soils in search of earthworms and other invertebrates. Like other members of its family, moles have a voracious appetite. They can eat up to one-half of their body weight each day.

Moles burrow year around, making tunnels near the ground surface at a pace as fast as one foot per minute.

Pocket gophers are members of the rodent family and cause more disturbance than moles. Two species of gophers inhabit parts of Kansas. The plains pocket gopher can be found nearly statewide but is apparently absent from the extreme southeast corner of Kansas. It prefers sandy to loamy soils and is mainly found in bottomland habitat.

The yellow-faced pocket gopher is only found in the southwestern part of the state. It inhabits areas of heavy, clay soil in upland and bottomland situations.

The plains pocket gopher is more highly specialized for digging than any other North American mammal and lives underground for its entire life. Gophers are well equipped for their underground lifestyle with powerfully built legs. Their large claws and highly sensitive whiskers help them maneuver in the dark.

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# Ironman

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Her splits were 1:05:04, 5:29:52 and 4:00:50 in her ninth Ironman.

## Grimm swims, bikes personal best

"I love the whole experience," said Grimm, who lowered her best swim time by five minutes. "You just learn so much about yourself. If you can keep your mind strong and not get defeated by your own thoughts, then you can continue. It's when you start to relent to the negative thoughts that are going through your head that you're really in a world of hurt."

Grimm posted personal-best times on the swim and bike before realizing she would be in a world of hurt on the run if she didn't slow

down. An extremely salty sweater, she discovered during the sixth mile that her salt tablets had dissolved.

"I dumped some of it in the palm of my hand and I was licking it like I was licking the salt off a margarita glass," said Grimm, who also bit salt off pretzels while dropping her pace from eight to nine minutes per mile. At the 18-mile mark, she got her much-needed salt tablets in a special-needs packet and finished strong.

"I started feeling like my frisky self," she said about when the tablets kicked in. "In the last few miles, you hear the crowd and you hear the announcer, which is just so inspiring. I always tell myself once you get to that point there's no stopping."

## Rookie 'hung tough'

There was no stopping this time, either, for Mathisen, who walked much of the marathon here last year.

"He had a good, solid race," Hagen said of Mathisen, 34. "He avoided problems and was right behind me the whole way."

Tovar, 34, who works for the Defense Reduction Agency at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., also hung tough in his Hawaii Ironman debut.

"For the second year in a row we had a rookie on our team that we've tried to tutor," Hagen said. "The older veterans gave him all the hints and advice that we could give him, and he executed it outstandingly."

Merely finishing on your feet is an accomplishment on the island, triathletes say.

"Hawaii is totally different," Hagen said. "There are lots of people who have good races elsewhere who totally fall apart at Hawaii, which I nearly did this time."

## Competition exhausts mentally, physically

"The Ironman is so hard physically that ironically it usually comes down to who is the smartest. I made a few errors this time, but it's a tough, tough race mentally as well as physically. You never get it perfect. There's just too much to get right and if you get anything a little bit wrong with a

race that hard and that long, you're going to pay."

Hagen should know. He was competing in the Ironman World Championships for the fifth time since 1996, when he helped the Army to its first of four military team titles in the past decade. He had a strong swim and bike, but said he didn't eat or drink enough on the latter, causing him to falter on the run.

"Once you get dehydrated and you're running out of energy early in the marathon, you can't catch up," he said.

Hagen said he started hurting during the second mile and struggled to keep from walking from the eight-mile mark to the finish.

"I avoided walking because I feared if I started walking I would

keep walking," he said. "I never walked. That's something I don't want to do."

Hagen said the crowd inspired him to finish relatively strong. Ten minutes later, he was in the medical tent getting treated for dehydration and hyponatremia.

## Army Ironmen get strong support

With a training base in place, Ironmen contend that mind must prevail over muscle during one of the most grueling physical and psychological tests in the world of sports. Grimm said nothing matches the satisfaction of overcoming adversity during competitions.

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## Sports news in brief

### Training offered PT borderliners

With command approval and support, Soldiers with borderline Army Physical Fitness Test scores can be on their way to being more fit and improving their scores through Fit Force I. Participants in the new fitness program will train with the post fitness staff from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday for eight weeks. A weekly training schedule will be established and followed to get participants on the track to success.

For details on how to register, visit the fitness department or call 239-2813 or 239-3146.

### Fitness classes to continue

Fitness Yoga is scheduled to continue throughout the holiday season at King Field House. Sessions are noon to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Cost is \$2 per class or \$1.50 per class if paid monthly.

Fitness Yoga is a non-purist yoga class for all fitness levels. This lunchtime class integrates body and mind for a total performance featuring strength, conditioning, flexibility, and time to calm your mind. For more information call 239-2813.

Cardio pump aerobics classes also will continue throughout the holidays. Classes are from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at King Field House.

Cost is \$2 per class or \$1.50 if paid monthly.

Monday classes tend to be traditional step classes. On Wednesday, participants get two workouts in one with step and resistance equipment (bands, balls, tubes, etc.).

### Bowling center open for lunch

Lunch available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Custer Hill Lanes, Building 7485, offers open bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays. Extreme bowling under strobe lighting is offered 10 p.m. to close Friday. Family extreme and bowling is offered 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and family open and extreme bowling is offered 3 to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Family extreme bowling costs \$15 per lane for six persons. Couples are being sought for a "fun" league to begin this fall.

Sign up at the center or call 239-4366 for more information.

### Roller rink open for family fun

Riley Wheels Skating Rink in King Field House operates from 8 to 10 p.m. Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Family skating is offered for \$1 per family member on Sundays.

For more information, call 239-3764.

### Water aerobics classes to begin

Water aerobics will begin at Eyster Pool beginning Jan. 10. Classes are open to all active duty members, their family members, DoD employees and military retirees. Class sessions will be 5 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost will be \$2.50 per session or \$20 for 10 sessions.

For more information, call 239-9441.

### Fitness centers post age policy

A recently revised age policy is in effect for the fitness centers on post. Children 12 years old and younger are not authorized to use any mechanical, strength or cardio equipment, saunas or steam room.

Eligible youth who are 15 and younger must be participating in the same activity and under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian. This policy includes the use of basketball and racquetball courts.

Children age 12 and younger are not permitted into the free weight or cardio areas while a parent or guardian works out.

### Guard eligible for free licenses

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offers Kansas residents who also are members of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard free hunting and fishing licenses and free state park permits.

Application forms for the 2005 licenses will be available in November and can be downloaded from the KDWP Web site at [www.kdwp.state.ks.us](http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us). The forms must be signed by the member's unit commander and mailed to KDWP with photocopies of appropriate documentation.

By April Blackmon

Staff writer

A relatively quiet Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, squad exploded in the second half, scoring three touchdowns to beat Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A, 101st Forward Support Battalion, 24-20, in flag football play Oct. 27 at Sturgis Stadium.

FSB controlled play during most of the first quarter, but good Engineer defense kept them from getting into the end zone. Engineer Francisco Mata intercepted a Morgan Barnett pass early in the second quarter, but a roughing the passer penalty gave the ball back to FSB. On the next play, Barnett launched one to Damien Blackwell for the touchdown. Jay Quinn tossed the ball to Blackwell for the extra point.

FSB's Latavus Walker intercepted the Engineer's first pass, giving his team a chance to make another score. Barnett ran all over the field and down to the Engineer's 18-yard line before his flag was pulled. From there, he found Quinn open for a pass that earned another score. After a completed extra point pass to Samuel Miller, FSB held a 14-0 lead.

The Engineers rode out the rest of the half with possession of the ball, making their way to midfield. With offensive control to their drive, eyeing the end zone. Quarterback David Jorgenson passed to Joseph Pritchard



David Jorgenson of Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., pursues 101st FSB quarterback Morgan Barnett during flag football play Oct. 27 at Sturgis Stadium. The Engineers came back in the second half to defeat FSB, 24-20.

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launched the play's second aerial to the end zone, but it wasn't caught.

The Engineer's next pass to the end zone was smacked down by FSB's Precious Blackman, but the third time was a charm as the Engineers' Jorgenson connected with Mata for the touchdown. Jorgenson's pass to Ronald Scott for the conversion made it a 14-8 game.

In a strong counter-attack, Barnett threw to Walker at the Engineers' nine-yard line. An illegal blocking penalty put FSB back 10 yards for the next play, but Barnett ran to the eight-yard line before connecting with Walker on a pass

that brought another score. FSB ended the quarter with a 20-8 lead.

The Engineers weren't ready to throw in the towel, however. On their first drive of the fourth, Jorgenson found Mata once again for the touchdown. Derrick Sommer made the catch for the extra points. Two plays later, Sommer and FSB's Walker battled for a Barnett pass. After a basketball-like tip in the air, Sommer came down with the interception and ran to FSB's 24-yard line.

Jorgenson took the ball on the ground until he found Mata open for an aerial and another touchdown. In another air-battle with

FSB on the extra points attempt, Sommer's tip landed in Mata's hands for a 24-20 lead.

With just three plays left in the game, FSB failed to reach the end zone to regain their lead.

### Flag football scores

- 977th MP Co. def. Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 27-14
- 172nd Chem. Co. def. HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), 19-13
- MEDDAC def. 331st Sig. Co., 21-14
- Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.) won by forfeit against Btry. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA
- Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA def. 116th MP Co. 19-12
- HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), def. 977th MP Co., 26-20
- 172nd Chem. Co. def. Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 26-15
- HHC, 1st Bn., 5th FA def. Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.), 27-20
- Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn. won by forfeit against Btry. A, 1st Bn., 5th FA
- HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) def. Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP Prov.), 18-14

## Marathon

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Army News Service/Jewell  
Lt. Col. Tammy LaFrancois completes the Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 30 in Kirkush, Iraq.

When Grass and LaFrancois learned there were no injuries and that the situation was under control, they and the other runners continued their trek.

Grass finished the marathon in three hours, 49 minutes – beating his time in last year's marathon in Washington, D.C., by about 10 minutes. Grass ran for a team from Destination Cure, a nonprofit organization that raises money for multiple sclerosis research. His mother was diagnosed with

the disease in 1970.

Although Grass has run the Marine Corps Marathon twice before, this was LaFrancois' first marathon.

The two run together several times a week, anywhere from five to 10 miles.

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# All-Army boxer earns berth



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**First Lt. Boyd Melson earned a berth in the 2005 World Amateur Boxing Championships.**

By Tim Hipps  
Army News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — First Lt. Boyd Melson earned a berth in the 2005 World Amateur Boxing Championships by defeating Charles Hatley in a box-off Oct. 24 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Melson will be the first All-Army boxer from the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program to compete in the world championships since Spc. John Medina in 1999. The tournament is scheduled for Nov. 12 through 21 in Mianyang City, China.

Melson will fill Team USA's 152-pound roster spot vacated by top-ranked Demetrius Andrade of Providence, R.I. Andrade withdrew because of a shoulder injury, necessitating the box-off.

The Conseil International du Sport Militaire's 2004 world mili-

tary welterweight champion, Melson has won two All-Army and two Armed Forces titles since graduating in 2003 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Melson took another major step by defeating Hatley, 21-13, in only his 22nd bout.

"We knew he had the potential, but we didn't think he would be this far ahead of the game," said All-Army Boxing Coach Basheer Abdullah, who also coached the 2004 U.S. Olympic boxing team.

"He's definitely on the rise and he's a very strong hopeful for the Olympic team."

Against Hatley, of Dallas, the score was 3-3 after the first round. Melson built a 9-5 lead in the second. Both boxers scored four points in the third round, and Melson won the fourth and final round, 8-4.

"In the second round, I became very aggressive and I was hitting him with a lot of lead lefts," said

Melson, 24, who is stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. "In the last round, I was catching him with a lot of hooks and making him step back, but he kept coming."

Melson and Hatley sparred three weeks earlier but had never met in an official bout. On that day, they went toe-to-toe in a slugfest that favored Hatley's style, Abdullah said. This time, Melson, who fights with a south-paw stance but wields a mighty right hook, stayed on the move.

"It came down to Lieutenant Melson being able to box, using his legs and trying to stay in the center of the ring for the duration of the bout," Abdullah said. "His strength is his movement. He's got decent punching power and decent speed."

Melson is the only military boxer on Team USA's roster for the world championships. "I can't really imagine a greater honor than boxing for my country right now," he said.

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An unusual adaptation is the gopher's lips, which can be closed behind the four incisor teeth to keep dirt out of its mouth when using its teeth for digging.

Pocket gophers live in a burrow system that can cover an area up to 2,000 square feet. The burrows are about three inches in diameter and usually six to 12 inches below ground. However, some nesting and food storage chambers may be as deep as six feet below ground.

Pocket gophers do not hibernate and mostly stay active all year.

Pocket gophers often invade yards and feed on various garden crops and ornamental plants. A single gopher moving down a garden row can inflict serious damage in a very short time.

Besides plants, gophers can gnaw and damage plastic water

lines and lawn sprinkler systems. Their tunnels can divert and carry off irrigation water and lead to soil erosion. Additionally, mounds of soil on lawns can interfere with mowing equipment.

Gophers and moles can cause significant damage to lawns and golf courses and are often scorned by landowners and greens keepers.

However, their importance in maintaining a healthy prairie ecosystem cannot be underestimated. The tunnels they dig serve to aerate the soil and hold additional moisture.

The churning action of the soil helps improve organic matter and increases fertility.

Disturbed areas are temporarily converted to sparse vegetation covered with annual plants.

These subtle changes help to increase diversity within the tallgrass prairie.

# Sox World Series surprises Soldier home from Iraq

By Ashley Stetter  
Army News Service

CHICAGO — When Sgt. 1st Class Noreen Feeney returned from her second tour in Iraq Oct. 22, she was welcomed by a big surprise. The Chicago White Sox, her favorite hometown team, was headed to the World Series.

The news came as a shock to Feeney, who said she had no way of following the Sox in Baghdad.

"I had no idea they made the series," Feeney said.

"The White Sox don't make Stars and Stripes (the daily Defense Department newspaper published overseas) very often, and if I wanted to watch them on AFN (American Forces Network) I would have to stay up until 2 or 3 in the morning," she said.

The Chicago native and nine-year Army veteran found out about

the Sox winning the American League Championship while waiting for her out-processing physical at Fort McCoy, Wis.

## News causes Soldier to jump wildly

The small waiting room television played a news spot of the Sox team jumping up and down in victory, and Feeney immediately started jumping up and down with them.

"I can only imagine what the doctor must have thought. I probably looked like I was having a seizure or something," Feeney said, laughing. "All I remember is thinking 'Oh my God, the Sox are in the series and I didn't even know about it!'"

Feeney may have been the last Sox fan to know about the win, but she refused to be the last one to get a ticket.

"I told everyone that I was going to the game even if I had to go AWOL. They laughed, but I was serious," she said.

Feeney said her love for the Sox wasn't the primary driving force behind her hourly Internet ticket searches.

Feeney had returned from Iraq on emergency leave in June to attend her father's funeral. While there, she learned that her father and mother had previously attended the 1959 World Series.

"It was very important to me to get a ticket to this series. When my father died, I started going through his things and found two stubs from the '59 Series. I wanted to have my own (ticket) stub to put in a frame with his," Feeney explained.

Feeney accomplished her goal, out-bidding others and paying

more than her father's \$10 for a 1959 series ticket to secure a single seat in left field.

"I kept thinking, 'I wonder what he (her father) would be thinking if he was sitting here,'" Feeney said.

## After three tours, reason to cheer

Others said her father would have been proud as many fans at that Sunday's game thanked Feeney for her service. One especially thankful couple gave Feeney their official series ticket stub, something she didn't have because she purchased her tickets online.

Feeney served in Bosnia and has now completed two tours in Iraq. Feeney said she is glad to be home in Chicago for the World Series and said attending the game will always be a special memory.



Courtesy photo  
**Sgt. 1st Class Noreen Feeney displays her homemade sign at the second game of the World Series in Chicago.**

PLINT HILLS VETERANS COALITION  
2 x 5"  
Black Only  
2X5 PH Veterans

R/P MARKETING PUBLIC RELATIONS  
4 x 11"  
Black Only  
Humana - Kansas #473

SETH CHILD CINEMAS  
2 x 5.5"  
Black Only  
2X5.5 Seth/Child Nov TF



# Fort Riley Community Life

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## Community news briefly

### Military YMCA offers programs

The Armed Services YMCA in Junction City offers a wide variety of new programs, a Parents' Day Out from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Thursday.

Starting Nov. 4, the ASYMCA will offer a gym program for home-schooled children from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. every Thursday.

Beginning Nov. 14, the ASYMCA will launch its newest program, Parents Work Out, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, so parents have time to go to the gym.

Any military family members interested in any of these programs should visit the ASYMCA at 111 E. 16th St. or call 238-2972.

### Eighth-graders to play in band

Five eighth-grade students in Advanced Band at Fort Riley Middle School have been selected to participate in the Kansas Music Educator's Association North Central District Honor Band.

The students are Shannon Grammel on flute, Victoria Walder on clarinet, Brittany McBride on clarinet, Jonisha Smith on tenor saxophone and Matt Miller on trumpet.

These and other area students will rehearse and perform a concert on Jan. 21 at Junction City High School.

### Family program to host event

Fort Riley's Exceptional Family Member Program and New Parent Support Program will combine sponsorship for a holiday celebration from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Riley's Conference Center.

For more information, call Laura McCauley at 239-9435.

### Spouses plan game show

The Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club plans to include a games show as part of its Nov. 17 meeting at Riley's Conference Center. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m.

The game will be "Family Feud" and winners get prizes. Members are asked to bring a layette item for the Red Cross, the November charity of the month.

Members can enjoy a potato bar with chili and salad and apple spice cake for dessert. RSVP to the OCSG reservations chair, 784-8454, by Nov. 9 or send e-mail to reservations@fortrileyocsc.com.

For childcare reservations, call the OCSG childcare coordinator at 784-2793 by Nov. 13.

### Female officers invited to study

Female officers interested in Bible study but who cannot devote evenings for such study can join a noontime study group that meets every Friday at lunch in the conference room of Building 212.

Participants should bring a sack lunch.

For more information, call Capt. Jamie Peer at 239-3280 or (785) 341-9205.

### Youth sports sign-up begins

Nov. 4-11 - Youth basketball registration

For more information, call 239-9173.

## Native heritage observance slated

By Doris Wilson  
Equal Opportunity Advisor

November is National Native American Heritage Month, and Fort Riley's Equal Opportunity Office will host an observance from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Riley Conference Center.

This year's observance will include Native American displays, the Kiowa Cultural Organization, the Haskell Indian Nations Color Guard, free food sampling

and a guest speaker. The guest speaker is Steve Ortiz from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council.

As the first people to call the country home, Native Americans boast a noble history and have long helped shape the nation's societal fabric. During National American Heritage Month, the nation celebrates its commitment to respect and preserve the rich Native American traditions and cultures.

During the influx of European settlers, Native American land

ownership diminished through wars, coercion and treaties. Because of the peaceful nature of most Native Americans, the U.S. government forced them onto reservations.

Poor land quality resulted in many Native Americans relying on assistance from the government for their daily existence.

The Native American population dwindled to an estimated 350,000 because of famine and disease. Some tribes, such as the Mandans of North Dakota, disappeared. Many tribes lost their lan-

guage and culture but have prevailed.

An estimated two million Native Americans live in the United States today. Many are preserving their cultures by maintaining their native languages and returning to their spiritual practices and traditions.

Countless American names are derived from Indian words, such as Ohio, which is the Iroquois word meaning "great water."

Native Americans introduced the world to products that help feed millions today. These include

squash, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and peanuts. The kayak, parka and moccasins were some of the many Native American inventions. The Iroquois and Huron people invented the sport of lacrosse.

Much can be learned about Native Americans and their contribution to American culture. The Native American Heritage Month observance at Riley's is one way to start. For more information, call the Division Equal Opportunity Office at 239-3379 or 239-8433.

## Drug free



Second-grade teacher Lynette Brax reads a fall-themed book to Ware Elementary students Oct. 28.

Post/Blackmon

## School celebrates Red Ribbon Week

By April Blackmon  
Staff writer

With themes like, "Don't let drugs twist your mind" and "Erase drugs," Oct. 23-31 was filled with activities teaching Ware Elementary School students to stay drug free.

Red Ribbon Week served as a time to create awareness and support healthy, drug-free lifestyles among students across the nation.

"Every year, we always get a full week where the kids get to do really fun activities. For them, they really enjoy the week because they get to do a bunch of different (activities)," said third-grade teacher Susan White.

"To start off the week on Monday, we had everybody wear red. A lot of the kids wore red shirts, red sweat pants, just to get them thinking of Red Ribbon Week. And we talked about the reason behind Red



A fifth-grade student tries to mess with "Cruella DeVille" played by fifth-grade teacher Jamie Deville, while waiting in the lunch line.

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## DeCA offers patrons money

### Commissary scholarships available

Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. - The Scholarships for Military Children program started its sixth year Nov. 1 as 268 commissaries worldwide began accepting applications.

Since its inception in 2000, the program has awarded \$1,500 college scholarships to nearly 2,500 military children.

The recipe for success behind the scenes is the continued generosity of manufacturers and businesses that sell groceries in commissaries and a growing number of donations by non-military-related organizations, said Defense Commissary Agency officials.

The application period for the 2006 scholarship season ends Feb. 22, but donations have already started coming in, DeCA officials said.

"I've been told by the administrators of the program that the first non-commissary-related business has made a donation," said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

The "First Watch" restaurants serving customers in the Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., area are donating proceeds of \$2,000 from a recent customer appreciation day.

Last year, students in the Future Business Leaders of America program at Jordan High School in Salt Lake City donated \$10,000 to the program, and this year an organization in the San Francisco Bay area is raising money through a golf tournament.

"These donations all show great support for military families," Nixon said. "First, from commissary industry members

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## Local Soldier's film named best in Army

By Brandon Bonner  
363rd MPAD

A Fort Riley sergeant claimed his "15 minutes of fame" in the 2004 All Army Photo Contest.

Sgt. Nicholas S. Sendelbach, a chemical operations specialist with Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion, won first place with his short film, "Once Upon A Time In Iraq."

The film is "a tribute to the Soldiers who fought, died and gave their all" in that fight, including members of Sendelbach's former unit, 2nd Battalion,

6th Infantry Regiment, based in Baumholder, Germany, the filmmaker said.

During his time in Iraq, from March 2003 to June 2004, Sendelbach took roughly 4,000 still photos, many of which were included in his video. The video was originally put together for the Soldiers and their families, Sendelbach said. "I didn't know about the contest when I made this."

Sendelbach's video lasts about 30 minutes and chronicles the 2nd Bn., 6th Inf.'s deployment to Iraq. "I wanted it to semi-chronologically show (what we accom-

plished): This is us coming into Iraq, this is what we did in Iraq and this is what happened after we left Iraq," he said, "kind of like a story."

The video opens with a clip from CNN showing President Bush addressing the nation after 9/11. "I thought, why did we come (to Iraq) in the first place, so I put in the speech from the president," Sendelbach said. The speech is followed by a short video of troops shortly after they arrived in Iraq and then transitions into a photo slideshow.

The slideshow follows a pro-

gression. "I wanted to get everything categorized, first chronologically, then arranged into emotion, aggressive, all purpose, extension, funny, rebuilding, coming home and fallen Soldiers," Sendelbach said.

All the pictures in the slideshow are timed to music. "It was difficult to find a photo for every lyric," Sendelbach said, but he focused on the moods and emotions that he wanted to convey with every musical selection.

Although Sendelbach's job as Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) sergeant for Co. B does

not parallel filmmaking, he is intrigued by computers and photography. He was a computer technician before joining the Army.

Sendelbach said he loves photography. It "is my No. 1 hobby." So, he took the initiative to document his unit's tour. "We didn't have our own personal combat camera, so that was my main thing when I got over to Iraq," Sendelbach said.

Sendelbach heard about the contest for photography and short

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You can find the Fort Riley Post online at [www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil)





# Post Arts and Crafts Center names 2005 local photo contest winners

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center recently announced the winners in 2005 post photo contest.

## Division I (active duty) Black and white

### People

No first place  
**Second** – Mother – Daughter Connection, Capt. Matthew D. Veldy  
**Third** – Touch, Staff Sgt. Lisa K. Rund

### Place

**First** – Closing Time, Sgt. Nicholas S. Sendelbach  
**Second** – Mouse's Eye View, Sendelbach  
**Third** – Eviscerator, Sendelbach

### Object

**First** – Barn, Sgt. 1st Class Robert C. Coles

### Military Life

**First** – Vigilant, Sendelbach

### Experimental Processes

No winners

## Color

### People

**First** – Mista! Mista!,

Capt. Kollin L. Taylor  
**Second** – One Makes the Effort, Sendelbach

**Third** – Imponderable Embrace, Sendelbach

**Honorable Mention** – Malevolent Profile and Jovial Peek, Sendelbach

### Place

**First** – Walking Into Oblivion, Sendelbach

**Second** – The Quiet Before The Sand Storm, Taylor

**Third** – Miami Night, Sendelbach

**Honorable Mention** – Long Gone Day, Rund

**Honorable Mention** – Life's A Beach, Taylor

### Object

**First** – Privacy Please, Taylor

**Second** – Close Up, Rund

**Third** – Waterfall, Coles

**Honorable Mention** – Broken Home, Sendelbach

**Honorable Mention** – Starfish, Rund

**Honorable Mention** – Mosque, Coles

### Military Life

**First** – Gunslinger, Sendelbach

**Second** – Beat The Heat, Taylor

**Third** – Aries, Sendelbach

**Honorable Mention** – And the Rush Comes On, Sendelbach

**Honorable Mention** – Firefighter, Taylor

**Experimental Processes**  
**First** – Pastime, Sendelbach

**Second** – American Soldier, Taylor

No third place

**Honorable Mention** – The Sweet Science and Invisible Black Hawks, Taylor

**Honorable Mention** – Fire, Coles

### Short Film

**First** – OIF: Another Day, Capt. John R. Prettyman

**Second** – Iraq – the Seldom Told Story, Taylor

**Division II  
(other MWR patrons)**

**Black and white**

**People**  
No first, second or third places

**Honorable Mention** – WWII Veterans at the WWII Memorial, Carmen P. Martinez

**Place**  
**First** – Untitled, April M. Blackmon

No second or third places

**Honorable Mention** – Reflections in the Wall, Vietnam Memorial, Martinez

**Object**  
No first, second or third place

**Honorable Mention** – The Bell in the Clock Tower and Discarded Pulley

**Military Life**  
**First** – CS, Bonnie L. Templeton

No second or third place

**Honorable Mention** – Deployment's Last Touch, Heather C. Eggar

**Honorable Mention** – Load Out, Templeton

**Honorable Mention** – The Army Goes Rolling Along, Ethan L. Hokanson

**Experimental Processes**  
No first, second or third place

**Honorable Mention** – Organ's Loft – Basilica of the National Shrine, Martinez

**Color**

**People**  
**First** – Goodbye, Daddy, Melissa K. Heathman

**Second** – Sam, Joshua J. Jones

**Third** – Secrets, Kellie J. Grant

**Honorable Mention** – Izzy and Goodbye Kisses, Heathman

### Place

**First** – Be Happy, Don't Worry, Nicole N. Sizemore

**Second** – Indiana Lake, Torilla Flat, Ariz., Joyce B. Latimer

**Third** – Mt. Humphries, Ariz., Latimer

**Honorable Mention** – Tada, Sizemore

**Honorable Mention** – I'm Chillin, Ronald D. Ries

### Object

**First** – Wild Pony of Assateague Island, Md., Martinez

**Second** – Maroon & White Dahlia, Ries

**Third** – Memorial Rock, Shawna R. Hurley

**Honorable Mention** – Dahlia & Butterfly and Wet Dhalia, Ries

### Military Life

**First** – A Family of One – Pride in the Army, Hurley

No other places

**Experimental Processes**  
**First** – Railroad Tracks, Joyce B. Latimer

**Second** – Tuttle Creek, Kan., Latimer

**Third** – Lake Tahoe, Nev., Latimer

**Best in Show**  
**Jurors' Choices** – Current, Sendelbach; Walking Into Oblivion, Sendelbach; and Closing Time, Sendelbach

The top winners in each category now advance to the regional competition.



Sgt. Nicholas Sendelbach of Co. B, 1st Eng. Bn., tests Spc. William Bradshaw's protective mask during work. Sendelbach, whose hobby is photography, entered a short film of some of his work and won first place in the 2004 Department of the Army photo contest. Several of his photos won at the local and regional levels as well.

Photo provided by Sendelbach

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films before he left Germany. He wasn't able to enter the film until after coming back to the States, but as soon as he made it to Fort Riley he submitted the video to the Post Arts and Crafts Center.

Sendelbach was one of 225 Fort Riley entrants in last year's photo contest. The contest itself is "an annual juried competition of photographic prints and short films" comprised of five categories: people, place, object, military life and experimental processes.

Additionally, there are three levels of competition. The first is post-level competition. The best entrants from post advance to regional competition, and the best regional entries advance to Department of the Army level.

Entries are submitted in two divisions, one for active duty Soldiers and the other for all other authorized patrons of the Arts and Crafts Center.

Sendelbach was notified in June that he had won first place in the Department of the Army photo contest. He was very excited to hear the news, particularly because his reason for making it initially had been as a personal project to commemorate his unit's service in Iraq and not as a competitive effort.

The Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center, located across from the PX in Building 6918, sponsors two annual contests, an art contest in the spring and a photo contest in the fall. The center offers art and photography classes and its staff is more than happy to help anyone develop their skills for the competitions.

All information about the contests, such as eligibility or deadlines, is available through the Arts and Crafts Center by calling 239-9205.



Family photo

## Halloween talent

Sgt. Steven Gadbois of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, spent six hours carving this pumpkin, his wife said, to decorate his family quarters at 6732 McClellan Loop No. 2.

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Black Only  
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## Community news briefly

### Commissary posts hours

The post commissary will be open during the following days and hours for upcoming holiday periods:

**Nov. 11** – Open normal hours (Veterans Day)

**Nov. 21** – Open due to Thanksgiving holiday

**Nov. 24** – Closed for Thanksgiving

**Nov. 25** – Open normal hours

**Dec. 19** – Open due to Christmas holiday

**Dec. 24** – Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Dec. 25** – Closed for Christmas holiday

**Dec. 26** – Open normal hours

**Dec. 31** – Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Jan. 1** – Closed for New Years holiday

**Jan. 2** – Closed

**Jan. 3** – Open normal hours

### Costs prompt store request

The price of plastic shopping bags has increased \$2.22 per case. This is an 11.2 percent increase over the current price, and computing at current usage, the Commissary faces a \$75,000 increase in its operational costs per month.

From January through April, the agency had reduced the use of plastic bags and reduced double bagging with paper bags to the extent that the agency was showing a savings over last year costs. But, since May, the use of plastic bags has been increasing. Faced with this huge cost increase, the Defense Commissary Agency is seeking to again reduce the use of plastic bags in its store.

Customers are being asked to accept paper bags for their groceries and to forego double bagging.

### Club Beyond sets activities

**Sundays** – 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

**Sundays** – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond (grades 9-12), basement of St. Mary's Chapel

**Tuesdays** – Bible Lunch

**Tuesdays** (BLT), grades 10-12. Free lunch and devotion. Pick up outside Junction City High School band room

**Wednesdays** – 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond JV (grades 6-8), Teen Center

For more information, call Jason Grogan at 210-6240 or e-mail Jason.Grogan@cox.net.

**Wild side story times scheduled**

November's library story times will be on the wild side, with stories about foxes, wolves and coyotes. All children and their caregivers are invited to hear a story and make a craft every Saturday, with sessions at 1:30 and 4 p.m.

On Nov. 12, children will hear about some very unusual barnyard animals in "Wolf" by Becky Bloom. Wolf tries to scare the pig, duck and cow on the farm, but the animals are too busy reading to be scared. Wolf learns that this is a farm for "educated animals" and he starts thinking maybe he can learn to read, too.

The featured story Nov. 19 will be "No Matter What" by Debi Ghori. Small Fox wants to know if Large Fox will always love him no matter what, even when Small Fox is grumpy. This book was provided to the children of the Fort

Riley Post Library through the Kansas State Library. The Kansas State Library is sponsoring the "Read To A Tot, No Matter What" program for Children's Book Week. This program encourages adults to read to every child during Children's Book Week, Nov. 14-20.

On Nov. 29, "Big Wolf and Little Wolf" are singing a funny bedtime song when Mama Wolf plays a trick on them.

The library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Monday.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

### Teen Center slates activities

**Nov. 4** – 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance

**Nov. 5** – 2 to 5 p.m., community service project (canned food drive)

**Nov. 5** – 7 to 9 p.m., pool tournament

For more information, call 239-9222.

### Service staff offers support

**Nov. 5** – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free childcare for spouses of deployed Soldiers

**Nov. 5** – 6 to 8 p.m., Parent's night out

For more information, call School Age Services at 239-9220.

### City arts council seeks teachers

The Junction City Arts Council is preparing to participate in the Geary County Unified School District 475 after-school program and is looking for someone who can instruct fifth-grade students in origami. The classes will be from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 16 or Nov. 29 and 30, whichever dates fit better in the instructor's schedule.

Anyone who can instruct these classes is asked to call the JCAC at 762-2581.

### Rally Point offers variety

**Nov. 9** – Wing night, 20-cent wings and dance music 8 p.m. to close

**Nov. 10** – Dance music

**Wednesdays** – Crazy Karaoke and 20-cent wing night 5 to 8 p.m.

**Thursdays** – Request night

**Fridays** – Family night with movie, dance and buffet from 5 to 8 p.m. and mixed dance night from 8 p.m. to close

**Saturdays** – Hip Hop from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday with DJ Monroe

**Sundays** – NFL football, six games on TV, doors open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, call Rally Point at 784-5434.

**Women to meet, discuss book**

Renee Teetsel will host a weekly session from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays for women seeking spiritual answers to difficult situations. The group will meet at Teetsel's home at 26 Arnold Avenue on post to discuss the book "Answering the Big Questions About God."

Participants should make their own child care arrangements.

For more information, call Teetsel at 784-4480 or send e-mail to teetsel@charter.net.

# Kansas schools win honors

## Special to the Post

The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force recently named Ware Elementary School at Fort Riley one of the recipients of its 2005 Challenge Awards.

Ninety-two Certificates of Merit will be presented to 81 Kansas schools at a special ceremony Nov. 9 at Junction City High School, 900 N. Eisenhower Dr.

The certificates recognize per-

formance on state assessments in reading or mathematics that exceeds normal expectations based on the ethnicity and socioeconomic status of those taking the test.

The Challenge Awards are designed to recognize Kansas schools that are making a significant difference in student achievement despite facing significant challenges in school population.

Ware earned its certificates for scores made on fourth-grade math assessments and fifth-grade read-

ing assessments.

Data gathered through the Quality Performance Accreditation process has shown that the greatest achievement gap occurs in schools with high ethnic populations, as well as a high percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches. The schools receiving the Challenge Award all have such populations but have managed to post state assessment scores above what would normally be expected among those populations.

"Kansas educators have long worked from the belief that all children can learn. The federal No Child Left Behind legislation also supports that contention," said Charles Volland, chairman of the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force and an employee of Geary County Unified School District 475. "The purpose of this award program is to both affirm that belief and recognize those schools that have been successful in putting that belief into action," he said.

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Ribbon Week to stay drug free and to be aware of it and to not do drugs and stay away from them," said third-grade teacher Ron James. "We passed out little ribbons for them to wear all week. Granted, they're third-graders, so a lot of them have now lost those ribbons by Friday. But they wore them pretty good for the first part of the week."

Students signed cutout footprints and put them on display on "Walk Away from Drugs" day. Actor, singer and musician Rich Castro read students a story during the all-school assembly. Students and teachers wore pajamas to school in honor of the theme, "Follow Your Dreams, Don't Do Drugs."

On Fall Festival Day Oct. 28, students, teachers and staff members wore costumes to school and students ate lunch picnic-style, sitting on tablecloths on the floor with plastic pumpkins illuminated by flashlights in the dimly lit lunch room.

"This whole week has been just a really fun and lively week," White said. "The kids get to dress up and do fun things throughout the week; and with that, of course, they know the theme of being drug free."

It was a fun week for teachers, too, White said. "All the teachers dress up and get into it with the kids, and the kids think that's neat that their teacher does something different than normal. It kind of makes the kids get to know us in a different light."

Fall Festival Day was fifth-grader Jonathan Suthin's favorite day, he said, because he was able to wear his Darth Vader costume to school. The whole week helped Suthin learn to not use drugs as well, he said.

"I should not use drugs because they're bad for you and you could die from it," he said.



Photo by Sil Gomez

## 'Crazy ladies'

Enlisted Spouses' Club members participated in Crazy Hat Night Oct. 27. Winners of the store-bought hats and homemade hats were (left to right) Jessica Gamez, Beth Moore, Dorothy Le-Roy, Alma Gutierrez, Erica Alfaro and Edith Nolan.

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who have donated nearly \$4 million over the past five years and now by average Americans who also want to help."

"Last year we also had about \$11,000 donated by the general public in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$1,000," said Jim Weiskopf, vice president of communications for Fisher House Foundation, the non-profit organization that administers SFMC. "People come to our Web site to donate to Fisher House Foundation and they are increasingly selecting SFMC."

Applications for the 2006 scholarship program are available at any commissary, online at the

Military Scholar Web site or through a link at www.commissaries.com, DeCA's customer Web site. Eligibility and other information also is available at the Military Scholar Web site.

Applications, which must include an essay on why the applicant admires a great past or present military leader must be turned in at a commissary by Feb. 22. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active-duty personnel, Reserve,

Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, known as the DEERS database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card, commissary officials said.

The applicant must be planning to attend or already be attending an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2006 or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

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COTTONWOOD THEATERS  
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Black Only  
1x3 Cottonwood Nov.

MID AMERICA OFFICE SUPPLY  
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Black Only  
1x1 MidAmOffice Nov MC

FAMILY CARE CENTER-JC  
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Black Only  
3x4 Welcome Doug

SALINA POWERSPORT  
3 x 2.5"  
Black Only  
3x2.5 Salina Power



## Community news briefly

### Crafts center activities posted

Nov. 7 – 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross stitch class  
Nov. 7 – Advanced stained glass

Nov. 9 – Make it, take it  
Open hours for using the Arts and Crafts Center's wood shop, ceramics studio, matting and framing studio, computer lab, photography lab and doing stained glass, sewing, quilting, basket weaving and leatherwork are:

Monday and Tuesday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.  
Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Classes are available in the evenings and on weekends in all program areas.

A schedule of upcoming classes is available at the center and in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Guide.

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.

### Support Center activities listed

Nov. 17 – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., FRG Leader Basic Class

Army Family Team Building classes will be taught at the Soldiers and Family Support Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and 16 and Dec. 7.

For more information, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

### Center offers briefings

The Soldier and Family Support Center on Custer Hill will conduct permanent change of station briefings from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Nov. 9 for Germany assignments, Nov. 16 for other overseas assignments and Nov. 23 for stateside assignments.

For more information, call the center at 239-9435.

### Baby-sitting skills class set

A Red Cross baby-sitting course is scheduled for the third Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 5800. The next class is Nov. 19.

Children must be at least 11 years old to attend. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 239-5077 or 239-4847.

### Parents council slates meeting

The Parent Advisory Council at Fort Riley meets the first Thursday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the training room at Building 6620. The next meeting is Dec. 1.

Meeting agendas include program updates and parent information. For more information about the council, call 239-9850.

### Waiting spouses schedule event

The Waiting Spouses' Group has teamed with the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Group to provide a spouse activity day every fourth Monday of the month. Activities are scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

The Waiting Spouses' Group is designed to support spouses whose Soldiers are serving an unaccompanied tour. Separations for these spouses may be stressful because they and their families are left behind without the support network and regular contact that a unit of Family Readiness Group would otherwise provide.

For more information about joining the group or participating in its activities, call Lisa Mathews at 239-9435 or send her e-mail at lisa.m.mathews@riley.army.mil.

### Bible study offered

Officers' Christian Fellowship groups meet on- and off-

post on different days of the week for Bible study.

To find out more, officers may contact Ben or Laura Saine at 717-2760, Dave or Felicit Veloney at 717-2820, Jess or Sarah Curry at 532-9177 or Bob or Renee Teetsel at 784-4480.

### Auto center open five days

The Automotive Skills Center, Building 7753 on Custer Hill, is open 1 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Basic automotive repair classes are taught from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month.

Advanced automotive repair classes are taught from 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

The center offers state of the art tools and equipment for patron use, some services performed for a fee, staff assistance in making repairs, 15 vehicle lift bays, an eight-bay car wash, state-of-the-art paint booth and a body shop person for advice and instruction.

For more information, call 239-9764.

### Thrift Shop staff invites patrons

No military ID is needed to shop at the Post Thrift Shop in Building 267 on Stuart Avenue, next to the stables. Store hours for shopping are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

Consignments are accepted 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month.

The store allows 15 items per consignment, but only seven items of clothing. All consignments must be clean and in good condition. The store is not accepting consignments of summer clothing.

Consignment checks are available for pick-up on Tuesdays and Thursdays when showing an ID.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Reimbursement is available for volunteers needing childcare, and volunteers receive 25 percent off all Thrift Shop merchandise bought the day they volunteer.

For more information, call 784-3874.

### Car seat safety checks offered

Anyone wanting a child's car seat checked by a safety expert should call 239-2514 to make an appointment.

Appointments are available from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at building 407, Pershing Court.

Children younger than 4 are required to sit in car seats. Those 4 and older must wear seat belts.

Child safety advocates say children 4 to 7 years old should sit in booster seats that allow seat belts to fit them properly.

### Special Olympics invites athletes

The local Special Olympics group invites families who have special needs individuals to join them in their upcoming events.

Special Olympics is a worldwide program providing year-round training, education and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people age 8 and older with mental and physical retardation.

For more information, call Geary County representatives Otis Scroggins at 238-1342 or Bob Alan at (785) 762-2149.

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
InStep also airs on the Pentagon channel and WIBW Topeka.

# Guard Soldier wins 'Idol'

By Kristy Davies and  
Charmian Z. Brackett  
Army News Service

FORT GORDON, Ga. — Choked with emotion, Staff Sgt. William Glenn paused while singing the finale number "Courage" after learning he had been named the first Military Idol Oct. 23 at Alexander Hall at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Hundreds of Soldiers worldwide competed to make it into the first Military Idol competition. Each of the 36 participating Army installations sent one competitor to the final Military Idol competition.

### VIPs judge finals, audience picks No. 1

After a week of head-to-head showdowns, being judged by country recording artist Michael Peterson, retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley and Debra Byrd, vocal coach and arranger for American Idol, the competition was narrowed to five finalists for a live Web cast Oct. 22.

The finalists were Staff Sgt. Ron Henry from Fort Eustis, Va.; Staff Sgt. William Glenn from Darmstadt, Germany; Capt. Ron Carden from Fort Knox, Ky.; Spc. Festus Togbeola from Schweinfurt, Germany; and Spc. Richard Sianoya from Würzburg, Germany.

The event was emceed by Leeann Tweeden, host of



Army News Service/Davies  
Military Idol winner, Staff Sgt. William Glenn, performs Oct. 22 during the finals at Fort Gordon, Ga.

NASCAR Nation and correspondent for the Best Damn Sports Show Period on Fox Sports Network, and hosted by Marine Corps Cpl. Brian Buckwalter, anchor for the Pentagon Channel.

Army Knowledge Online account holders voted for their favorite performer for two hours after the final competition.

"You can't explain it," said Glenn, a 42-year-old Alabama National Guard Soldier, about his feelings on winning the title. Glenn represented Darmstadt,

Germany, in the competition because his unit, the 258th Military Police Company, was mobilized and is serving there.

Glenn was especially surprised because he thought someone else was going to win the title. All four judges said they would have chosen Staff Sgt. Ron Henry of Fort Eustis, Va., as the winner.

The winner, however, wasn't up to the judges; it was determined by votes on the Military Idol Web site.

Glenn's winning number was a

rendition of "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay."

Judge Debra Byrd called the song dynamic and said he was honest as he sang.

Glenn's performance in the final round was hampered slightly by a cold, but he said that he had "energy from above" to help him with his song.

Glenn, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., spent most of his life in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The member of a musical family, Glenn said his earliest memories were of singing in church.

When he was 3, he sang "My God has Smiled on Me" in church at the urging of his grandfather, said his mother, Pecola Collins, who attended the competition.

"I am so proud. It's such a blessing and a joy," Collins said.

Singing is the family's favorite pastime, she said. "When we get together for family dinners, we sing," she said.

Glenn was on active duty from 1983 to 1989, serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. He joined the Alabama National Guard and was called to active duty in January.

While on active duty in the 1980s, Glenn was a member of the All-Army Chorus.

He stumbled across the Military Idol preliminaries in Darmstadt in August.

"I didn't even know there was one," he said.

He was going out for a meal at a restaurant on post when some of his fellow Soldiers told him about the audition that was going on and insisted he take part.

Glenn said he loves to sing, and he wants to touch others with his voice.

"How I feel is how I want you to feel," he said.

Glenn said he doesn't know what's next for his life as Military Idol. "My agenda, my future is in their hands," he said.

### Würzburg Soldier runner-up

Glenn won \$1,000 for capturing the title. Spc. Richard Sianoya of Würzburg, Germany, was first runner-up and received \$500. Capt. Ron Carden of Fort Knox, Ky., was second runner-up, receiving \$250. Staff Sgt. Ron Henry of Fort Eustis, Va., and Spc. Festus Togbeola of Schweinfurt, Germany, rounded out the top five.

Winners at the installation level arrived at Fort Gordon Oct. 17 to begin elimination rounds. The finalists were decided Oct. 20 with the final competition held at Alexander Hall Oct. 22.

The process of bringing Military Idol to life was credited to several individuals including Victor Hurtado, artistic director for U.S. Army Entertainment Division and co-creator of Military Idol.



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### Ghostly stories fill night

Dr. Dan McClure, a retired Army chaplain (Colonel), now a training instructor for the Installation Chaplain's Office at Fort Riley, speaks Oct. 30 with visitors to the 10th annual Ghost Town sponsored by the Historical and Archaeological Society of Fort Riley. McClure spoke with visitors about the unexplained sightings and occurrences reported at St. Mary's Chapel. HASFR representative James Sands said 1,744 people visited this year's tours. Visitors said they came from numerous states and even were visiting from overseas, Sands said.



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### Special characters attend story time

Scooby Doo, played by Sgt. Mozell Gillespie of the 648th Area Support Group, and The Cat in the Hat, played by post library employee Ashley Griffith, listen as Jessica Long reads Dr. Seuss' book about "The Cat in the Hat" to youngsters attending the 1:30 p.m. story time Oct. 29 at the Post Library. After the story, the children got to have their picture taken with the characters and were given candy treats provided by Soldiers of the 648th ASG. Other members of the 648th ASG supported the 4 p.m. story time. Sgt. Maj. Eric Meier played the Cat in the Hat, Capt. Harvey Wolff played Scooby Doo and Sgt. 1st Class Amber Stehwein helped hand out candy and took pictures for the unit. Soldiers also donated Halloween candy to the Junction City Library and the Twelfth Street Community Center in Junction City for their youth programs.





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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, November 4, 2005

## Leisuretime ideas

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**Nov. 4** – Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13)

**Nov. 5, 10** – Flight Plan (PG-13)

**Nov. 6** – Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG)

**Nov. 11** – The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG)

**Nov. 12, 17** – Serenity (PG-13)

**Nov. 13** – An Unfinished Life (PG-13)

**Nov. 18** – Two for the Money (R)

**Nov. 19** – Lord of War (R)

**Nov. 20** – Into the Blue (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Get away and explore Kansas. Check out details on these and other events on the Kansas Travel & Tourism Web site, [www.travelKS.com](http://www.travelKS.com).

### Holton:

**What:** Wa-Ta-Se Veterans Pow Wow, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations annual Veteran's Pow Wow to honor all veterans.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 12

**Where:** Holton Fair Building

**Phone:** (785) 966-2580 or (877) 715-6789

### Emporia:

**What:** Veterans Tribute. Founding city of Veterans Day. Parade, memorial services, USO Show, military field base, WWII battle re-enactment, programs, speakers and exhibits.

**When:** Nov. 9-13

**Where:** Various locations throughout town

**Phone:** (620) 342-1803 or (800) 279-3730

**Web site:** [www.emporia-chamber.org](http://www.emporia-chamber.org)

**Admission:** Free

### Beloit:

**What:** Veteran's Day Parade. Annual parade with BBQ at the VFW building.

**When:** 11 a.m. Nov. 11

**Where:** Downtown, VFW building

**Phone:** (785) 738-3988

**Admission:** Free

### El Dorado:

**What:** Celebration of Freedom. Celebration of patriotism honoring all veterans and those who work to preserve our freedom.

**When:** Nov. 5-11

**Where:** Citywide

**Phone:** (316) 321-3150

**Web site:** [www.eldoradochamber.com](http://www.eldoradochamber.com)

**Admission:** Free

### Lyons:

**What:** Veteran's parade. Annual event features marching bands, decorated floats, and military vehicles.

**When:** 10:30 a.m. Nov. 12

**Where:** Starts at City Hall

**Phone:** (620) 257-3191 or (866) 257-2842

**Web site:** [www.lyons-chamber.com](http://www.lyons-chamber.com)

**Admission:** Free

### Lawrence:

**What:** "Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers." Story of a young man, who returns to where he grew up, and rediscovers a family still haunted by issues of racial identity and prejudice.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and 11

**Where:** 1600 Stewart, Lied

**Center**  
**Phone:** (785) 864-2787  
**Web site:** [www.lied.ku.edu](http://www.lied.ku.edu)  
**Admission:** varies by seating choice

**What:** Toy show and sale. New and antique toys, dolls, cars, pedal cars, and tin wind-ups. All types of toys, old and new; 150 tables in two buildings; dealers from six states.

**When:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 12

**Where:** Douglas County Fairgrounds

**Phone:** (785) 286-1249

**Web site:** [clubs.hemmings.com/sunflowerCHVA](http://clubs.hemmings.com/sunflowerCHVA)

**Admission:** \$2, children under 12 free

### Council Grove:

**What:** Candlelight Charm. Small town holiday evening on historic Main Street with candlelit stores, holiday decorations, carolers, period dress, carriage rides, and other festivities.

**When:** 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 5

**Where:** Main Street

**Phone:** (620) 767-5882 or (800) 732-9211

**Web site:** [www.councilgrove.com](http://www.councilgrove.com)

**Admission:** Free

### Salina:

**What:** "Trout Fishing in America." This musical duo with the crazy name has been delighting family audiences for 25 years.

**When:** 7 p.m. Nov. 6

**Where:** 151 S. Santa Fe, Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts

**Phone:** (785) 827-1998

**Web site:** [www.stiefeltheatre.org](http://www.stiefeltheatre.org)

**Admission:** \$5-\$16

### Manhattan:

**What:** All in a Day's Work. Exhibition that includes images of farming and ranching.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 23

**Where:** 701 Beach Lane, Beach Museum of Art

**Phone:** (785) 532-7718

**Web site:** [www.ksu.edu/bma](http://www.ksu.edu/bma)

**Admission:** Free

### Leavenworth:

**What:** Art & Crafts Show. Annual show.

**When:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6

**Where:** Cody Road at Harney Gym, Fort Leavenworth

**Phone:** (913) 651-9454

**Web site:** [www.lvarea.com/cvb](http://www.lvarea.com/cvb)

**Admission:** Free, donations accepted

### Wichita:

**What:** Wichita Grand Opera presents "Die Fledermaus-The Bat." Music by Johann Strauss (1825-1899). Libretto in German by Carl Haffner and Richard Genée. A comedy in three acts set in Austria in 1874.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11

**Where:** 225 W. Douglas, Century II

**Phone:** (316) 683-3444

**Web site:** [www.wichita-grandopera.org](http://www.wichita-grandopera.org)

**Admission:** \$30-\$80

### Bucklin:

**What:** Gaedder Farm Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch. Test your sense of direction in the 4.5 acre corn maze and choose your pumpkin at the pumpkin patch.

**When:** 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Nov. 6

**Where:** 1320 E. 82nd

**Phone:** (620) 543-3073 or (800) 638-2702

**Admission:** Varies



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**Fort Riley Soldiers carry the colors past City Hall in the 2004 Veterans Day Parade in Manhattan.**

## City of Manhattan to honor veterans

### Staff report

Manhattan will honor veterans with a variety of activities Nov. 11.

Fort Riley will participate in the Veteran's Day Parade beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the City Park. It heads east on Poyntz Avenue and ends at Third Street in front of the Manhattan Town Center.

Fort Riley participants in the parade include grand marshal Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, and his family: Command Sgt. Maj. Marvel Dean and his family; the post's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year; the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), color guard; a tactical "Humvee" from the 97th Military Police Battalion; marching Soldiers from Task Force 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry; and the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard.

After the parade, the commanding general will make remarks at the Patriotic Ceremony in Warehouse Theater on Poyntz Avenue.

## Junction City hosts Veteran's Day variety

### Staff report

The Geary County Veterans Alliance will set up a "Can Do" Canteen and host a dance at American Legion Post 45 in Junction City as part of its celebration of Veterans Day.

The day's celebration begins with flags raised along the "Avenue of Flags" at Coronado Park on South Washington Street at 6 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 a.m. in the "Can Do" Canteen in the American Legion post, 201 E. Fourth St. Post Chaplain Joe Belardo said "Sgt. Cookie" recommends the SOS, Cost for the morning meal is a donation to Fort Riley's Wounded Soldier Out-look Support group.

Members of all veterans groups in the area invite the general public

to gather with them in the Junction City Municipal Building auditorium, 700 N. Jefferson St., for the annual Veterans Day ceremony.

After the flags at Coronado Park are retired at 5 p.m., the Veterans Alliance will reopen the "Can Do" Canteen at 7 p.m. for a social hour with free finger foods, a cash bar and punch bowl.

The USO-like dance, featuring music of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m. Hostesses will be available to dance with unaccompanied "old Soldiers" and others, Belardo said. Admission will be a new toy, a non-perishable food item or a cash donation to WSOS. Door prizes will be awarded during the dance.

For more information about the day's events, call 238-5648.

## School stages 'MASH' show

Wamego event runs Nov. 11, 12

By Brian Wells

Special to the Post

The Wamego High School theater department will present the wild, free-flowing comedy "M\*A\*S\*H" Nov. 11 and 12 at the high school. The public is invited to join Hawkeye, Duke, Hot Lips and the rest of the madcap personnel of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital as they save lives and survive the war together after the curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. for each performance.

Director Jennifer Topliff said she is willing to give active duty Soldiers free tickets to the performance. Normal admission is \$3. Theater capacity is 400 with normally 150 people from the local community attending functions at the high school.

Active duty and retired military members attending the show will be provided special seating. Those veterans willing to loan photos, artifacts and uniforms for a special display during the performances should call Topliff at (785) 456-2214.

The cast and crew of "M\*A\*S\*H" have been working with several members of the community to bring this show to life and to honor the veterans and military men and women of the community.

Activities to celebrate and thank troops being planned in conjunction with the show include a dinner before the show. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost for the bread bowls and soup and a ticket to the show is \$8.

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